

MBSC Sailing Report - week ended 9th May 2010

Tuesday 4th May 2010

On Tuesday last week, only two Mirrors and two lasers turned out to battle in the strong winds in the first evening race of the season.

In the Lasers, a race between Dave Johnson and Nick Stoten was in the offing. Dave got the better of Nick off the start-line. With a reaching battle that threatened to end up in Penzance Harbour, Nick gave way and Dave was first to the leeward mark. Locked neck and neck in an upwind duel Dave kept the upper hand, pushed Nick past the layline, crucially made it first to the windward mark and went on to take the honours.

In the Mirrors Simon Chapman and crew Amy George enjoyed a wild ride on the wind and waves with Robe Bode, who quick starting again, held the lead on the surf to the first mark; after that it was Simon and Amy all the way as Rob rocked and rolled further and further behind with every gust.

Friday 7th May 2010

In the Laser fleet, a boat start mid-bay saw Nick first off the line, but it was Jeremy Williams who pushed the starboard tack hard and made it first to the windward mark. Paul Broomfield got past Nick on the second lap but could never really challenge Jeremy who took the honours followed by Paul and then further back Nick.

New club Mirror Maisy's maiden race was a thriller. With Simon and Amy unchallenged in first from start to finish and Wendy and Renny handicapped by the light airs it was left to Tony Clee, with Harriet Hopkins making an impressive début at crew, and Rob and Lily Medicot in Maisy to battle it out for second. In a race of ebbs and flows which saw Tony and Harriet holding the first lap only for Rob & Lily to haul them in and get past on the second, the last lap beat proved decisive. Rob went one way and Tony the other, so far inshore that he seemed to be heading home, where he found enough breeze and bend to pull a dozen boat lengths clear at the mark. Back came Rob and Lily at a speed even they couldn't believe to round the mark just ahead and inside of Tony and Harriet. Tony using all his tactical cunning held close behind and halfway down the finishing straight found a position to literally take the wind out of Rob's sails and slide past to cross the line ahead.

Sunday 9th May 2010

A turnout of 24 boats for two races which preceded the Club's Open Day festivities.

Nine lasers were keenly competitive with positions swapping constantly within the fleet. John Currie in his radial took the honours in both, though only after John Harvey threw away his second race lead by unwittingly starting an extra lap. Jeremy Williams and Greg Harris joined John on the podium in race 1 and Graham Cousins and Nick Stoten in race 2.

Six Mirrors took to the waters with Simon and crew Amy waging a fierce battle with Jane and Isobel to have Simon get the better of Jane in both races well ahead of the rest of the fleet.

In the Ospreys, Colin Stephens and Mike coolly sat on the beach for the 6 minute gun while Peter Cormie and crew Lee Elliot were away from the line just trying to get to grips with each other and Adam Ellery and Ce Royall were lingering around the line in anticipation. As the gun went off, Adam made the best start with the spinnaker pulling and Colin close behind. Adam held the lead for the first lap but afterwards left a gap and let Colin by. However Adam's consistent boat speed and staggering height upwind kept him close to the leaders.

In race 2, Colin held a high line to the first mark with Adam again slipping into second. These positions stayed the same until Adam made good speed down the last run, and managed to get starboard on Colin but a slip with the tiller let a gap inside open for Colin to fill.

For the full results see <http://www.mbsc.org.uk/sailing/results.shtml>