

MBSC Sailing Report - week ended 5th September 2010

Tuesday 31st August 2010

The laser fleet reached out to sea under the lee of the Mount powered by an easterly Force 4. A Dave Johnson capsize at the leeward mark caused some chaos and left him some catching up to do. Jeremy Williams played the inshore card the best to get past Paul Broomfield and lead at the windward mark. With Nick Stoten in third, the positions held to the finish line with Jeremy taking the honours followed by Paul, Nick and then Dave. In the decreasing wind the disadvantaged smaller radial rigs were having their own race within a race and Gemma Woolcock beat Greg Harris to take fifth, followed by Ben Wilkinson. Bruce Adams enjoyed a cruise round the course having started some 4 minutes after the starting gun.

With a turnout to make any fleet captain happy eight Mirrors and a Pico set out on a blustery blast around the bay. Beth White and Izzy Howells picked the best starting line and were the early pace setters but by the first mark had close company in the shapes of Simon Chapman with Amy George and Steve George with Chloe George. The rest of the fleet similarly settled into three boat clusters mirroring the leaders. The two lead boats stayed nose to tail for very nearly the whole race and had they erred Steve and Chloe were close enough to pounce. Going around the final lap the gap at the front started to open, it seemed as if Beth and Izzy would win the day. Up the final beat they came heading for a perfect line that would see them home ahead when, a sudden twenty degree wind shift occurred after they had sailed past the line it now allowed. Equally suddenly, Simon and Amy found themselves in the right place at the right time and duly took full advantage of their good fortune, sailing up the new line and getting just inside Beth and Izzy to cross first by less than a boat length. All the way down the fleet the clusters were tight and, right at the very back, Jessica Bode with Lisa Prichard and Renny Nancholas (having knocked lumps out of each other all the way round) were a mere second apart in a thrilling finish that owed much to Renny's bold last tack of the season.

Friday 3rd September 2010

On Friday evening four lasers put to sea and then all four helms spent quite some time in it! A highly mischievous, fresh easterly breeze whipped around the Mount dishing out extreme gusts, holes and eddies. Paul Broomfield chalked up the first two capsizes of the evening before the start. Next, Dave Johnson and Nick Stoten, while battling for the lead, performed a synchronized capsize to windward as the wind simply vanished. Nick got his boat up quicker and took the lead in what proved a highly effective passing manoeuvre. Meanwhile, Bruce Adams and Paul were having much fun trying to stay upright in the impish wind. In the end, it was Nick, the man who capsized the least, that took the honours followed by Dave, Paul and Bruce.

In the Mirror fleet, the bizarre nature of a strong wind blowing around the Mount created absolute havoc and somehow resulted in the seemingly impossible scenario of two upwind legs sixty degrees apart. The greatly gusting wind combined with big rolling seas to convince

both Tony Clee and Jessica Bode that having started the race the shore was by far the best option. At the front only Simon and Amy had the boat specific knowledge needed to work the best lines and, typically for them, led from start to finish followed just a few lengths behind by Steve and big wave specialist crew Chloe. After a fine tussle and a few boom blows to each other around the first lap Mark and Stan Prichard got clear into third when Rob carelessly lost his crew Lily Medicott and unfortunately lost his kicker just afterwards to seal his fate.

Sunday 5th September 2010

On a Laser-less day in weather which can only be described as hideous and with the wind from the worst possible direction, Race Officer Clive Goodhead, assisted by Malcolm Woolcock and John Currie in the Zodiac, set the perfect equilateral course and the sailors were rewarded with a really close race.

Jessica with Rob were quickly out of the traps and the only boat to launch their spinnaker up the first leg, their boldness was rewarded as they got the inside line and were first around the gybe mark. Simon with Amy and Jane with Isobel Goodhead wasted no time in preventing an inch developing proverbially and both had found their way past before the next mark. By the end of lap one the fleet had split leaving Jessica and Rob to battle with Tony and Harriet for third while Jane and Simon slugged it out at the front. So it ebbed and flowed until the last lap; Simon clipped the turning mark and Jane pulled away as he took his punishment. This seemed to galvanise Simon and Amy, they then produced the best sailing of the race and by the final leg were right on Jane and Isobel's tail. Never one to easily surrender, Simon, certain of exactly where he was tacking, then set on what seem to be a collision course with Jane before tacking impossibly close, forcing an error from Jane, and holding enough gap to secure victory. The battle for third went down to the wire in similar fashion with Jessica not prepared to do similar to Tony allowing him to sneak across the line just a couple of lengths ahead.

RS200 Open meeting

The Club held an RS200 Open meeting, part of the South West Series Ugly Tour 2010, on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th September 2010. Fifteen boats, including three from the Club, took part. The following report was written by Pete Vincent:

Round 4 of the RS200 SW Ugly Tour at Mounts Bay SC

Ten RS200's from outside of Cornwall travelled to Mounts Bay SC for round 4 of the SW Ugly Tour to join the local 200's for an entertaining open meeting even allowing for the light winds.

Whilst there was an optimistic breeze on the shore there was no wind in the middle of the bay and PRO Pete Jelliss sensibly kept the fleet ashore. Eventually a light southerly came in with the sun and race 1 got underway in a 5 knot breeze on a huge loop. James Goss/Ian Robertson led throughout to win from Pete Vincent/Tessa Nicholls and Liz Teague/Darren McNamara.

With the course length shortened and a firmer 7/8 knot breeze race 2 proved highly competitive with 7 boats arriving at the first mark covered by 3 boat lengths. Liz Teague/McNamara held their nerve and held off pressure from many boats to lead majority of race to win from Goss/Robertson and Vincent/HRH. Race 3 and Tony/Zach Freer shot off the line to lead throughout. Approaching the second leeward mark and disaster nearly hit as Tony had not spotted the number of laps had been changed down to 2 laps and took kite down to start a third beat. Luckily 12 year Zach spared Tony's blush's to smartly re-hoist and just beat John Teague/Louise Fisher to the finish to be the third different race winner of the day.

Sunday and something was missing and then it dawned on us, yes the Mount. Some of Cornwall's finest mizzle (even the locals were calling it heavy mizzle) had rolled in and shrouded over half the Mount from view. After a delay for visibility the fleet launched to race in a firmer easterly breeze as most crews found the side decks and even experimented with toe straps. The racing was dominated by two boats. Ross/Robertson led race 4 throughout to win comfortably from Vincent/HRH who were also well clear. Behind a titanic battle took place for third with 6 boats all filling third place in the last 300 yards; eventually Elliot Parsons/ Harriet Marsden just claimed third on the line.

Race 5 and after the pair swapped the lead on round 2 Ross/Robertson again won from Vincent/HRH with Parsons/Marsden again fighting hard on the last run to claim third. Race 6 saw the breeze firm again, now everyone was hiking and after an open beat Parsons/Marsden just led from Paul/Pat Teague. Vincent/HRH pulled through on second beat to win from Ross/Robertson whilst Liz Teague won the shouting match with brother (it even drowned out the Scilly Isles Helicopter) to claim third.

Ross/Robertson were convincing overall winners. Liz Teague's/Darren McNamara's very good third overall was also significant as it is the first time she has beaten her brother overall at an open meeting!! (the shame John). The Freer's were first in the silver division whilst Chew Valleys Dave and Jeannie Oakey just won the bronze division from home club's Pippa Baker/Max Evans.

The Ugly Tour is now unbelievably open with one event to go at Exe SC on Oct 2nd. John Teague/Louise Fisher are one point clear of Vincent/HRH with club mates Charlotte Savage/MJ Gifford only 2 points behind. Christian Humphrey/Crews and Ian Sharps/Ellie Martin are also in the mix with the two best results of anyone. The Bronze Division is also going right down to the wire with the Oakey's two points clear of Dittisham's Trevor Black/Anna Stillman with Chew's Mark Riley/Mary Hill only another two points behind.

Pete Vincent

Results

Overall

Sailed: 6, Discards: 1, To count: 5, Entries: 15, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	Boat	SailNo	HelmName	CrewName	Club	R1 4/9/10 12:55	R2 4/9/10	R3 4/9/10	R4 5/9/10 10:55	R5 5/9/10	R6 5/9/10	Total	Nett
1st	Gold		1103	James Goss	Ian Rogertson	Burghfield SC	1.0	2.0	(3.0)	1.0	1.0	2.0	10.0	7.0
2nd	Gold		1301	Pete Vincent	Tessa Nicholls	BCYC	2.0	3.0	(4.0)	2.0	2.0	1.0	14.0	10.0
3rd	Silver		418	Liz Teague	Darren McNamara	BCYC	3.0	1.0	(7.0)	4.0	5.0	3.0	23.0	16.0
4th	Gold		1359	Elliott Parsons	Harriet Marsden	Bristol University SC	5.0	(6.0)	6.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	28.0	22.0
5th	Gold		481	John Teague	Louise Fisher	BCYC	(11.0)	5.0	2.0	5.0	4.0	7.0	34.0	23.0
6th	Gold		1285	Paul Teague	Pat Teague	BCYC	4.0	4.0	5.0	7.0	(9.0)	4.0	33.0	24.0
7th	Silver		1201	Tony Freer	Zach Freer	Chew Valley Lake SC	6.0	(7.0)	1.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	32.0	25.0
8th	Bronze		536	Dave Oakey	Jeannie Oakey	Chew Valley Lake SC	(10.0)	9.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	8.0	50.0	40.0
9th	Bronze		1111	Pippa Baker	Max Evans	MBSC	8.0	8.0	9.0	(11.0)	8.0	10.0	54.0	43.0
10th	Bronze		408	Ollie Wright	Gregory Wright	Paignton SC	7.0	11.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	(13.0)	61.0	48.0
11th	Bronze		370	Gary Parks	Anna Elliot	MBSC	9.0	10.0	12.0	(13.0)	12.0	11.0	67.0	54.0
12th	Bronze		805	Trevor (Bones) Black	Anna Stillman	Dittisham SC	13.0	13.0	(14.0)	9.0	11.0	9.0	69.0	55.0
13th	Bronze		904	Mike Riley	Mary Hill	Chew Valley Lake SC	12.0	12.0	11.0	12.0	(13.0)	12.0	72.0	59.0
14th	Bronze		798	Amy Fitter	Alex Pickles	RNAS Culdrose	(15.0)	14.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	14.0	85.0	70.0
15th	Bronze		489	David Beamish	Eden Backhouse	MBSC	14.0	(15.0)	15.0	15.0	14.0	15.0	88.0	73.0

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