

## WEDNESDAY

Today's sailing was a classic 'Fed week' race held in a steady wind of 210 degrees and 10-12 knots of wind, with beautiful sunshine. All fleets on Series A were given a course with the windward mark on the middle of the Winner and all but the RS200's went to an extended leeward mark down the Itchenor channel towards Park buoy. The International Canoe's clearly enjoyed the conditions with the leading boats all completing the course quite some distance ahead of the other fast handicap boats.

The 49er of Johnny C once again led Asymmetric fleet on the water but this time to the windward mark. The Fireball's had a great race with the first 2 boats crossing within a second of each other and the 3rd boat just a few seconds behind. After yesterday's debacle when most of the RS200s sailed to the wrong mark, the fleet had a terrific race of 3 rounds with Tom and Emma Morris winning comfortably in 1 hour 25 minutes. It would have been hard not to have enjoyed such close racing in the near perfect conditions.

Series B similarly enjoyed excellent sailing. A very steady breeze, averaging 12 knots, led to a great days racing with the windward mark on the northern edge of the Winner bank, and with the gybe mark down on the Pilsley sands providing great reaches, especially as the breeze strengthened. All fleets experienced some tight and tactical racing, right up to the finish line. The smiles on the competitors' faces, as they crossed the line, said it all!

For Series C it was catch up day for the Teras and Optimists with an extra race. The wind, a steady 12-14 knots, held up giving a true South West course. As yesterday the competitors were in excellent spirits, and showed great skills in the close racing, the Tera Sports was closely competed with Alex Sydenham taking the first race and Ben Ripley winning the second and third races, and is now first overall! With only two Optimists today it was Platon Khodykin who took line honours in all 3 races, but Isla Hoult, improving in each race, was chasing hard and of course is second overall!

The slow handicap was highly competitive with the Scows chasing hard in a lengthy race, but the Tera Pro and Topper held their lead and again Tamsin Holt took line honours with clear lead on corrected time, followed by Ollie Bradshaw in the Tera Pro. Tomorrow brings another 3 race day for both the Teras and Optimists.

In the Elites second day there OCS boats recorded for both races, but despite clawing his way through the fleet on Race 3, Paul Fisk was unable to catch the clear winner, Ossie Stewart. On Race 4 Ossie was recorded OCS, but unlike Fisk, succeeded in overtaking the whole fleet to cross the finish line a clear 30 seconds ahead.

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