

CHRW Wednesday 11th August

At last a classic CHRW day! Sunny and a force 3 to 4 sea breeze from 200 degrees which built gradually and then held from the same direction. On Series A RO Greg Wells decided to make the most of the conditions and gave the Asymmetrics 4 rounds and all the other fleets 3 rounds on a course with the windward mark by Treloar at the entrance to the harbour, gybe mark by NE Sandhead and leeward mark near Pivot. Fireballs were again led home by Dave Hall and Paul Constable giving them their 3rd consecutive win and with it the series. It was good to see the old team of David Sayce and Steve Kyffin 2nd today. In the Fast Handicap it was a great day for the International canoes who took the top 3 places with Phil Robin being the victor. The Flying Fifteens saw their 3rd winner of the week in Nick Peters and Guy McBride. This series is going to the wire with 2 points separating 5 boats. A new winner in the Devoti DZero, Hadron 2, Aero9 fleet with David Valentine from Emsworth recording a fine win in his Devoti over Thomas Southwell, which kept the series alive. As with the Fifteens, the Finns also saw their 3rd different winner of the week, this time Michael de Courcy taking the gun. In the Asymmetrics the RS800 of Tom Morris and Guy Filmore were dominant and took a convincing win on corrected but it is the consistent Andrew Gould in his Musto Skiff who is overall leader. He will be looking for his first win on Thursday when the discards come in to play, in order to retain his lead. Ben Tuttle and Will Balch again won the 29ers by a good margin and with 3 wins in a row are now the series winners. The RS200's had a fantastic race with the lead changing several times. It was wonderful to watch this ultra-competitive fleet and observe the husband and wife team of Lee and Anne Sydenham finally win by a very narrow margin from the husband and wife team of Tom and Jo Hewitson. Tom Darling and Rupert Jameson mis-understood the finish instruction (or didn't read the SI's??) which cost them the race win.

There were many happy faces on the HISC balcony enjoying the steel band and barbecue after a great day on the water.

Greg Wells & David Nicolls