

CHRW Thursday 12th August

Another terrific day back on the water. A good solid 12-13 knots from 200° at the start and building to 16knots by the finish and with a bit of a rolling swell gave surfing conditions at times. On Series A a 2 lap (3 for asymmetrics) starboard hand course was laid with windward mark in the middle of the Winner bank, gybe mark north of North Pilsey and the leeward mark close to Pilsey spit. The Fireballs had an amazing race with 5 boats battling for honours and lots of place changing; it was eventually the team of Simon Kings and Caroline Stockman who took the gun with next 4 boats all finishing within 20 seconds! The extra breeze was enjoyed by the Contender of David Patterson and indeed he was always near the front and won on corrected time. In the Flying Fifteens Andrew Jameson and James Grant had a great tussle with Chris Waples and Simon Hunt with the former winning and meaning they are strong favourites for the series with now only Nick Peters and Guy McBride able to challenge. Thomas Southwell in his Devoti Zero gave a masterclass in the day's conditions and won by a huge margin, giving him the series win. In the Finn class Michael De Courcy recorded his 2nd win but 3 boats still remain in contention for the overall honours. In the Asymmetrics it was once again Tom Morris and Guy Filmore sailing their RS800 beautifully to win by a massive 7 minutes on corrected. Along with Tom and Guy, Theo Galyer in his RS700 and Rob Gullan and Mari Shepherd in their RS800 are still battling for the overall win. The 29ers looked to really enjoy today's conditions especially the winners for the 4th day, Ben Tuttle and Will Balch. In the RS200's, Lee and Anne Sydenham continued their impressive form to record their 3rd win in a row and with it the overall series. The consistent Hewitsons, Tom and Jo were 2nd and will finish 2nd overall. What a great day with lots of competitors thanking the race team (particularly for the shorter 2 lap course!) during the après sail on the HISC balcony.

Greg Wells & David Nicolls