

"A" Boat Pracc 3 23rd April 2017.

Comments: What a difference a day makes, weather forecast was 7-10 mph of wind, direction west North West, fine and dry with some sunshine after a cold start.

The breeze decided to come in from the South, after setting the start line we sailed the first race and we managed to get another race in before it vanished altogether. But it was the four Sweet 9's which managed to dominate these unusual wind conditions for these first two races.

After a break the breeze came in from the west so after resetting the start line and course again we started our third race and 61 David Thomas with a "Gunboat" followed by Sam Gill's "Sweet 6" lead of the line but the four "Sweet 9's" came through to the finish and the rest were split by Damian Ackroyd's "Sir Percy", David Stewart's "Minstral" and David Thomas's "Gunboat" who managed to come in 5th place.

The fourth and fifth races were sailed in a very light Westerly breeze and were dominated by Sweet 9's again with Damian's "Sir Percy", David Stewart's "Minstral" and David Thomas's "GunBoat" in the mix.

We had a break for lunch at 12.30pm in the hope the wind would revert to the forecast.

All had a relaxed lunch break with Peter Wiles doing a tuning session on several of the other boats, which went down very well. The ladies of the club put on some very tasty sandwiches and cakes. So everyone was chilled out for the second half of the day.

We started at 1.15pm race 6 and all subsequent races had the benefit of the correct wind West, North, West increasing towards the end to some gusts up to 10mph.

Other competitors came into the mix as the wind increased but overall Peter Wiles and Bob Connors dominated the proceedings, with the rest of the fleet all very close up to the end of racing at 3.30pm.

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