



PDSC Bulletin

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Hi all,

After a lot of head-scratching caused by the poor weather (little or no wind from the E/SE/S and even occasionally SW), the format for the inaugural sprint race was set:

Open line start - all classes start together

Fast course - 9 (S)

Med course - B (S)

Slow course - 3 (S)

Open line finish and then straight into the start sequence for the next race.

It caused a bit of stress for the race team at the finish (as all the fleets could finish at around the same time) but Rob, Greg and Paul (and maybe others as well) managed very well and ran two sets of two races each.

The first race was in very light airs, with the leaders going from hero to zero as they rounded the mark but carried on towards Caernarfon in the strong ebb. Johnny and Jen pulled off a tactical coup in the RS200 by being a bit late at the start and rounding inside all the other boats and then finding a little personal puff to take them to the finish!

In the other races, the wind was (only a little) more consistent, with boats spotted planing on occasion. Being gusty and from the S/SE, it was all quite chaotic and quite exciting.

Wins to Johnny & Jen (RS200), Andy & Lou (RS400), Lindsay (Phantom); Ken (Solo), Tudur & Dave (Xenon), Cathy & Zara (Miracle) and Annabelle Blight (Optimist)

All in all a great afternoon on the water which put a lot of smiles on faces!

Next Sprint races are on the 11th June

The club also hosted a regional training session for Oppies and Toppers over the two days of the weekend - both well attended and well organised by Merrion and team.

Looking ahead.....

The weekend of 28/29 May will incorporate racing on Saturday and Sunday with a barbeque on the Saturday evening. This is a great opportunity to pack in some more racing - we intend to run the Sunday racing along the lines of an Open Meeting with on the water starts and different course types. A good turnout will guarantee a good event.

June 4th - if you know anyone who would like to have a go at sailing, or just to find out more about the club, then bring them down at 3pm on Saturday June 4th. After the 2pm pursuit race, which prospective sailors can watch from the club, members can then take people out for a short spin!

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