



PDSC Bulletin

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Hello sailors,

Its been a busy week at the club. Last Friday was the first free-sailing session which, although a bit grey and gusty, tempted seven boats out. Glyn was running trips for grandchildren in his Wanderer, whilst Jack and Barney were making the most of the gusts to get their Lasers on the plane - very impressive too.

On Saturday, the programme said Caernarfon Race, and a big effort was made by all to help make it happen. Race Officer Merrion Edwards arranged for the Oppy fleet to set off early at 13.45, accompanied by Sion Roberts in the new RIB. Sadly, it was quickly apparent that the gusty conditions on a dead run were a little too much for the Oppies which kept nose-diving and filling up with water. When Sion's arm was worn out from manning the pump, the race was called off in favour of a couple of impromptu "round the cans" races instead.

All the Oppies were out racing, and coped brilliantly with the conditions. In the other fleets, the Lasers of Jack, Barney, Kath and Owain entertained the crowds as did Dave & Rob Bell hurtling about in their RS400. They even managed one capsize which they thought no-one spotted (sorry guys).

The fitting out supper was held in the evening - thanks very much to the "Scallies form the Galley" for an excellent meal and a good evening.

Wednesday, the wind was flicking between SE and SW making it virtually impossible to decide on a good course. All fleets sailed the same course which included a tricky beat across the tide to no.1 where there was very little wind. The now familiar order of Steve Owen, Sion Stockwell and Ken Newing prevailed in the medium fleet. The fast fleet was won by Andy & Lou from Alan & Sarah Williams and Chris & Richard. Unfortunately, in the slow fleet, neither Mitch nor Callum Metcalfe managed to finish due to a falling wind and strong tide.

This Saturday is the first of the "Sprint" Series where we will aim to have at least 4 short Beat & Run style races. Although the handbook says it is a 13.00 start, this is a misprint , and the start will be at 14.00 as usual.

The website (www.pdsc.org.uk) has recently been brought up to date by Richard Roberts - including up to the moment results!

See you soon

Andy