

Final weekend of the Series Races before Downriver Series starting next week

In light wind condition a simple course was set which appeared at first sight to be a reach both ways, however the fickle winds made everything much more challenging with an ebb tide flowing to complicate mark rounding and many place changes within the fleet.

Sam Woodcock sailing B20 "Kelpie" crewed by Sam Archer and David Mackley sailing B6 "Lucifer Beyond Repair" crewed by Shirley Hagger started together at opposite ends of the line. By the first mark Woodcock managed to break the overlap and round ahead, his lead changing over the course of the race, with Mackley finishing eventually nearly 3 minutes behind and Paul Armitage sailing B60 "Jane" crewed by Karen Armitage pulling through the following group although over 2 minutes back. On handicap Armitage moved into second place.

The second race saw Archer now helming "Kelpie" get a cracking start, followed by Hagger now helming B24 "Jimba" crewed by Mackley. Archer maintained his lead throughout winning by over 2 minutes from Danny Tyrrell sailing B53 "Twinkle" crewed by Bruce Thompson who managed to get clear of the pack finishing 4 minutes ahead of third place David Yapp sailing B50 "Dodman" crewed by Julia Deary, just ahead of the rest of the fleet. On handicap Archer retained first place, Tyrrell second, however Hagger moved up one place to third.

Next week sees the start of the Downriver Series.