

Down Harbour Race 1

Course 3 for Blue and 4A for White and Red. Light winds but a lovely warm spring day on the water.

Blue Division were well represented and gained some new boats and we welcome Eisen Laing and crew in Clovelly Pacific and Andrew Richardson and Crew in Lisdillon for their first GFS race. Along with Jedi, StarElan, Forte Forever, GWhizz and Eggshells they made for a competitive fleet. StarElan made a great start and unfortunately were trapped in the fickle winds of Onions Point allowing the entire fleet to bunch up. GWhizz made a bold move up the Greenwich shore and when the wind came in Jedi made a break on the fleet and were last seen somewhere off the Australian coast, may the force be with them. The Etchells kept each other company to be very close at the finish. Forty 4ever piped Eggs in the computer as did the Whizzies from Obi-Wan Kenobi and Starry Night. Clovelly Pacific and Lisdillon proved that they will be competitive when their handicaps adjust.

In White, Tana, Joka and Umzimkulu II started and soon caught the Blue fleet at Onions. When the wind came in Tana made a break leaving Joka and the Kulus to play catch-up. Umzimkulu II was up to the Down Harbour challenge in style and firstly took on the Sydney Heritage Fleet at Kirribilli and a little later Sydney Ferries in the vicinity of Farm Cove. After a couple of spinnaker changes on the way home Joka raced through the computer to just pip the All Black Legend.



In Red, Flair made a great start and was never headed for the entire race. When interviewed after the race the crew stated that 'Although we were distracted by the Australian Fur Seal frolicking in the water just off Greenwich Sailing Club we continued on to complete the race'.

The computer finally responded and now the full results are visible