

Course 34 for Blue Division and Course 34A for Green/White were also challenging as the breeze decided to change direction and speed at several parts of the course.

It was good to see a couple of 'new' boats competing and we welcome Ray Entwistle and crew in the next incarnation of Jedi - now a J88, which looks fast and goes fast. Fits the Jedi image with Darth Vader sails. We also welcome Ray Hand and crew in Mistress an Adams 31 and hope that they will sail regularly in Green/White Division. They too showed good pace in the conditions which were a little light for their type of boat.

In Blue Division Jedi led the fleet with Young Obsession not far behind and the mercurial Eggshells and GWhizz keeping them in sight. Blue Chip was not far from them, Again Speedwell and StarElan were close and not too distant from those slightly ahead

In Green/White Flair escaped in a lucky break at the start, leaving Umzimkulu II and Mistress to enjoy the Humbug delights for a bit longer. Mistress sailed well and were rewarded by the computer taking second. The 'new' Umzimkulu II crew were coming to grips with the boat and were showing periods of true potential. Paca unfortunately arrived late and missed the starting window whilst still sailing the course or most of it.

Despite the results it was an excellent way to start the season in fine and warm conditions.