

## **Wednesday Evening Race Report Race 1**

Dark clouds, 30 knot gusts and heavy rain were not exactly the ideal conditions forecast for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday evening race held on 21<sup>st</sup> May. However this did not dampen the owners and crews of the 11 boats that took part. As often happens the inclement weather held off until after well after the race was completed and in fact the 2/3 knot breeze died away towards the end of the race.

2 new members and other spare crew were found places on different boats and thoroughly enjoyed their experience.

At the hotly contested start of the race the Dragon 'OCD' and Dehler34 'Zephros' got away well and most boats were lifted along the South Shore to the 1<sup>st</sup> mark. There were the usual tussles throughout the fleet with boats trying to find clear air and 3 new boats were enjoying their 1<sup>st</sup> race.

2 loops in Gillingham Reach provided sailing on most points of the wind and allowed crews to practice their sail handling.

The leading boats slowed as the wind died approaching Gillingham reach allowing the boats behind to catch up. Sailing on the South shore proved to be advantageous for boats taking that route allowing place changes in the last minutes of the race.

Sounds fun? It is so why not join us. We don't take it too seriously! Boats or crew all welcome.

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