

### Wednesday Evening Race Report Race 3

After last week's abandonment due to lack of wind Race 3 started with a pleasant F2-3 and sunshine for the 10 yachts who took part. Some fantastic cloud formations made an excellent backdrop for the returning boats and crews who despite the inclement forecast stayed dry for the duration of the race.

Musical Express ( Sonata ) led the fleet away from the line at the downwind start closely followed by newcomer Roka ( Dragon ). Zephros ( Dehler 34 ) soon overhauled them and took the lead by the 1<sup>st</sup> mark.

Musical kept Roka behind for the downwind leg only losing out on the reach to Buoy 23. A fetch back to buoy 25 and a foul tide beat home allowed the larger yachts to catch up with Ian Foxwell's new boat White Magic ( Sun Fast 32i ) showing good upwind speed. A tricky beat, some holes in the wind plus the usual lottery of heartbreak reach kept helms and crews on their toes and resulted in a number of place changes.

Line honours went to Zephros with Whistle ( Dragon ) winning overall by 12 secs on handicap. Musical was 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and Reefer 4<sup>th</sup>. For full results see Wednesday evening tab.

**As the 2<sup>nd</sup> race was cancelled the series becomes the best 5 races from 8. So for anyone not yet taking part there is time to enter and compete for the overall prizes.**

As usual new crews always welcome.

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