

Wednesday Evening Series Race 5 ~ 25th June.

Ideal conditions after last week's abandonment put a smile on the face of most of the competitors with 16 boats on the water. The F2-3 south easterly/easterly breeze with sunshine held for the duration of the race and allowed a course to be set that catered for all points of sailing with a loop in Gillingham Reach.

A fiercely contested upwind start saw Suti (Dragon) make the most of the conditions closely followed by White Magic (Sun Fast 32i), Wild Rover (MG346) and Musical. After a poor start Whistle (Dragon) overtook Musical on the fetch to buoy 30. At the 1st windward mark it was Suti followed by White Magic, Wild Rover and Whistle.

With some spinnaker problems on Wild Rover saw Whistle and Musical catch up by the leeward mark and by keeping out of the tide both Whistle and Musical overtook on the second beat. There were tactical decisions to be made on which way to go to Buoy 24 but going left or right appeared to make little difference although some gains were made by getting the shifts right.

Once round buoy 24 a tidal gate saw little change in the positions of the leading boats that were enjoying a pleasant spinnaker run/ reach to the line on the flooding tide.

White Magic took line honours with Suti close behind but it was a night for Sonatas taking 3 out of the first 4 places on handicap. On handicap White Magic was the 1st cruiser with Wild Rover (MG 345) second.

N. B. No racing next Wednesday as its Regatta week but you would be welcome to join the

Upnor SC race on Thursday 3rd July with BBQ after. No Entry Fee for the Race but let the Office know if you intend to race so that Upnor SC have details.

