

Wednesday Evening Series Race 5

With two races left for the series Wild Rover MG 346 is leading the cruiser division with a 1st in last Wednesday's race. A combination of over sailing and repairs following the tiring but enjoyable Medway Regatta, coupled with a wind forecast of gusting 35+ knots resulted in only 3 boats competing for the 5th race. All 3 boats seemed a little line shy and surprisingly the race started in barely enough wind to make way over the flooding tide. However out of heartbreak reach the gusty North to North Westerly 3 – 6 kept the skippers and crews on their toes with several broaches in the gusty conditions. A beat to Buoy 23 led to some close calls and on the return leg all boats decided against any kite flying. After over an hour on the water the 3 boats finished in close company with Wild Rover taking line honours and winning on handicap. They were closely followed by The Wizard (Dehler 34) who were in the chocolates for the 1st time in the series. With only 2 up White Magic (Sun Fast 32i) finished just over a minute behind.

As 2 races have been abandoned the series will now allow for 2 discards.

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Results can be found [HERE](#)