

Marblehead GP Round 3 CCRYC 8/08/2010

Sail number	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	Total	Discards	Score	Place
80	Colin Court	6	1	1	1	1	2	7	1	1	3	5	11	11	51	22	29	1
53	Pat O'Brien	3	2	3	2	9	4	2	8	8	1	1	2	2	47	17	30	2
50	Phil Page	5	3	2	6	3	3	3	9	4	2	4	1	4	49	15	34	3
24	Paul Ziems	2	8	4	3	4	5	1	6	2	6	2	9	3	55	17	38	4
22	Robert Page	1	7	8	5	2	1	4	2	9	4	6	3	7	59	17	42	5
28	Leigh Norman	4	4	6	8	6	7	9	5	5	8	3	4	11	81	20	61	6
43	Andrew Sands	7	6	5	7	11	11	6	4	3	11	7	7	1	86	22	64	7
121	John Dunn	9	10	7	4	5	6	8	3	7	7	9	5	5	85	19	66	8
49	Pat O'Donnell	8	5	9	9	9	8	5	7	6	5	10	6	6	93	19	74	9
1	David Swales	10	9	10	10	8	9	10	10	10	9	8	8	8	119	20	99	10

Sunday 8/8/10 saw the running of the Marblehead GP Series Rd 3 at Terrigal on the Central Coast. The weather was superb for a picnic, an outside fishing trip, or a day at golf, but not what you would call great for radio sailing. The breeze was a very light from the N/W and sometimes glassy conditions.

PRO Frank Russell with his able assistants Bob Brown and Sid Thomas from the Central Coast club got racing under way at around 10am. The first race was won by Robert Page using his swing rig. The conditions totally suited swing rigs and Colin Court sailing his swing rigged Starkers put a string of races together with four firsts.

Andrew Sands sailing his newly acquired Boogie was often in the hunt for a place as the boat had great boat speed in the light air and actually took out the last race from Pat O'Brien. Pat congratulated him as only Pat can do. Paul Ziems also sailing a Boogie had some good races too, and it seemed that every time I looked around Paul, Pat, Colin and Robert were always there.

John Dunn's Paradox had some great boat speed in the light conditions but never seemed to be there in the end as conditions were very hard. David Swales boat had some good speed at times also. Lee Norman also hovered around the front of the field with his Skalpel but the conditions had the best of them thinking.

Phil Page's Paradox was a little off the light air pace today but managed to finish in the top three with only 1 win from the day, however that's sailing. Patrick O'Donnell also found the going hard but he was as always there having a go.

Because the water was so low, the course we sailed consisted of a short beat to windward with a run down to two leeward marks forming a gate that could be rounded either way. That meant in many of the races there were boats working up from opposite directions which made for interesting racing.

Hopefully there will be one more round of the GP series for Marbleheads as the first one wasn't sailed as most of the boats were in Adelaide for the National Championships. I would like to say thanks to the skippers who attended and made it a success, and hope that Phillip is feeling better.

Phil Page
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