

Spanner's Race Report - Heat 3

What a Race! 15 knot southerly, windward return course again. Once again the same boats 972 - What Now, 973 - On the Road again and 981 - Any Which Way were at the front of the pack for the first work. On the first kite run the action really started with a collision between 973 - On the Road Again and 972 - What Now in a port/starboard incident which has now been finalised in a Protest.

973 - On the Road again ended up with a broken rudder and managed to float their way to shore to retire. 972 were able to continue in the race.

981 - Any Which Way was then left in the front with 937 - Gobstopper on his tail followed by 969 - Natural Juices and not far behind was 978 - Megasaurarse in 4th place.

Brain fade set in on the 3rd work with the crew of 981 - Any Which Way going through the finish line 1 lap early as they didn't count their laps. 937 - Gobstopper also got confused and followed them through the line a lap early. This means both boats are DSQ as it was stipulated not to cross the start/finish line at any time during the race unless you were starting/finishing.

This then opened up the playing field, on the 3rd windward leg, 969 - Natural Juices was in 1st, 978 - Megasaurarse right behind them in 2nd place. The final downwind leg had 969 - Natural Juices II going too far before jibing and were unable to make the mark which forced an early spinnaker drop and 2 sail reach to the mark. 987 - Megasaurarse & 977 - Take it Easy capitalised on this and carried their kites to the bottom mark in 1st and 2nd.

978 - Megasaurarse continued on to claim a maiden victory in a National heat! **Congratulations** to both Paul & Matt on this magnificent effort!!

Final Placings

1st Paul & Matt - Megasaurarse

2nd Mick & Emma - Take it Easy

3rd Ken & Lachie - Natural Juices II

Full Results as attached

**** Note**** 973 - On the Road Again will be awarded average points for their series so this heat will be updated once all heats have been sailed.