

Spanner's Race Report - Heat 6

Wind conditions same as in Heat 5 - SSE at about 10-12 knots. Off the start the fleet splits once again, the left looks like it pays off but the boats that went out right come across in front. Steve in 1st, then Patto 2nd, Mick Winney in 3rd. Silvio in 4th has trouble with his kite and Lucky overtakes him. Ken is in last place after capsizing on the mark. Downwind Patto jumps Steve in the race to the bottom mark. Mick sneaks into 2nd place ahead of Steve as well as Lucky comes around 4th. Paul on Megasauarse in 5th, hits the drink and capsizes losing 4 places.

The next work sees the fleet split again with boats looking for breeze either side of the course. Patto retains his lead from Mick, Steve is in 3rd, with Lucky in 4th, Silvio 5th. Bottom mark it's Patto, Steve in 2nd passes Mick then Lucky.

At the windward mark for the final time it is Patto from Steve then Lucky, Mick, Ken and Silvio. Patto gets around the bottom mark 1st with Steve and Lucky having a close tussle downhill with Lucky rounding in 2nd followed by Steve in 3rd.

1st across the line is Patto on What Now sailed excellently in the swinging breeze, Lucky gets Steve on the last work and gets 2nd by 12 seconds. 4th was Ken who pips Silvio by 14 seconds with Mick only another 2 seconds behind.

Keith comes in 7th with Paul only 2 seconds behind him. Simmo rounds out the fleet a further minute 19 seconds behind. The close racing sees the fleet finish again with in 9 minutes of each other. Another great day of Skate sailing.