

Spanners Race Report - Heat 7

Race starts in a 15 knot south east breeze, the fleet comes to the left side of the course up the first work, with Patto getting to the windward mark first, followed by Steve and Mick Winney in 3rd. Lucky is in 4th after a testing work. At the bottom mark it is Patto going to the right of the course and Steve in 2nd going to the left.

Patto looks like he has problems and looks like he nearly hits the piss. Lucky does a 360 after hitting the mark or port/starboard with Patto?

Top mark the 2nd time and Steve has had a great work up, 2nd is Ken with Mick, Patto, Silvio and Lucky is panicking. Lucky goes out to sea and pulls a lot of ground back but Steve is round 1st, then Mick, Patto, Silvio, Lucky and Ken loses ground downhill.

Keith is still battling to get to the top mark to head downhill the 2nd time after losing time in a capsized with his kite up.

The 3rd work see Steve come to shore again and the top runners are sailing a close race. Patto has a blinder and gets to the top mark first just in front of Steve then Mick and Lucky and Silvio. Steve gets the kite up quickly and passes Patto downhill, the race is on!!

Steve gets to the bottom mark first from Patto, Silvio, Mick then Lucky who went out to sea again and lost out this time. Keith gets lapped by the front runners up the work with the racing as close as it gets.

Steve gets the gun with Patto 5 secs behind, Silvio gets 3rd ahead of Lucky who appeared hit the finish mark. Less than a second between Silvio and Lucky, Mick comes in next 11 secs behind them, Ken, Paul and Ray complete the course whilst Keith perseveres to round out the series with a finish.

From these results, Steve and Bohdi sailing 973- On the Road Again are the National Champions (back to back)!! Great Effort!!

Congratulations to all competitors for a fantastic series and many thanks to Ceduna Sailing club for hosting another successful event!