

RACE REPORT 4th MAY

The first of the TST series of 6 races started on Sunday with 19 boats coming to the starting line. There was a good ENE'ly breeze blowing, which encouraged the Race Officers to send the Squib fleet off in the direction of Ryde Pier on a good long beat.

The wind didn't last : it died inshore and the original beat ended with the Squibs hoisting their spinnakers! All was not lost and some wind did return and with a change of course the Squib fleet were able to finish in style.

1 st	Hussar.	Martin & Anne Harrison.
2 nd	East Wind.	John Cornforth & Marni Gibson.
3 rd	Firecracker Too.	Andrew Porteous and daughter Alex.

The Fast & Slow Handicap dinghy classes were sent on a shorter course, but they too lost the wind completely at one time. With the return of the wind the race was able to continue and Dare Barry & Louisa Mamakou were able to regain the lead. The course was shortened to two laps.

1 st	National 12	Dare Barry & Louisa Mamakou
2 nd	Radial Laser	Ben Gibson.
3 rd	Full Rig Laser	Nigel Talbot.

Only one slow handicap dinghy managed to make the weather mark. The rest were beaten by the lack of wind and a strong westerly tide. Full marks to Brad McLaughlin in his Oppie for persevering and winning the first race in the new series.