

Scottish Student Sailing League Weekend Reports

SSS League Weekend 1

The first weekend was held at Bardowie Loch, just outside of Glasgow and the venue of last year's BUSA Playoffs. Boats were provided by the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow University and Edinburgh University. Saturday saw difficult conditions to start the round robin. Shifty winds made it hard to get racing going at a steady pace.

The structure of the competition was one large round robin with 3 flights of boats. Once the winds settled racing started to run at full pace with Strathclyde Blue, Glasgow Black and Edinburgh Blue making a strong start. Breakages slowed progress in the afternoon, but the helpers did really well you fix the boats and keep racing going at the same time. Saturday night saw the jungle invade Glasgow's city centre.



Sunday brought light, but constant, winds in the morning. The racecourse was laid closer to the changeover pontoon to speed up change overs. The wind shut down in the afternoon making for some very unpredictable races, and racing was stopped early due to this.

A big thanks to Glasgow for hosting the first weekend and to all of their helpers.



SSS League Weekend 2

Strathclyde, also at Bardowie Loch, hosted the second weekend. With less than half the round robin left to complete, I was confident we would complete it and possibly have time to run leagues as well. The first race was due to start at 10 am, and, thanks to some very organized helpers, this was the case.

Racing got off to a good start with Dundee Black and Strathclyde White working



their way up the rankings. The wind held for the morning, and it was looking like the round robin might be finished by the end of the day. However, just after lunch time, the wind decided it wasn't playing fair. With 90-degree wind shifts, squalls and hail, racing was hampered and again had to be stopped early when the wind shut off. This was met

with cheers and some very quick packing up ahead of the second invasion of Glasgow city centre, this time by cartoons.

Having moved the first start forwards to 9:30, fog welcomed the sailors on Sunday morning and racing had to be postponed until 1 pm when the wind finally filled in enough for racing to take place. By this point there was only enough time to complete the round robin and racing was finished without having raced the leagues.

Thanks to Strathclyde for hosting this weekend and to all the helpers and umpires.



Final Results

Through to League 3	Through to Development Weekend
Glasgow Black	Edinburgh White
Edinburgh Blue	St. Andrews Purple
Dundee Black	Aberdeen Yellow
Strathclyde Blue	Aberdeen Blue
Glasgow Red	Glasgow Yellow
Strathclyde White	Dundee Red
Edinburgh Green	-
St. Andrews Pink	-
Dundee White	-
Strathclyde Yellow	-