

Race Report 2010 Tri series First weekend 13 Feb 2010

Light wind and rain greeted competitors for the first day of the Annual Inter Schools Tri Series.

Schools represented included Scots College, Cranbrook School, Riverview, Sydney Boys High, Marist Girls High School as well as the Woollahra Sailing Club Girls Squad.

26 Pacers and 19 Lasers made up of 3 divisions being Full rig, Radial rig and 4.7 rig competed.

Competitors were unfazed by the conditions. Even though the wind barely exceeded 5 knots for most of the morning, good race management by the Race Officer Malcolm Maiden ensured that competitors were able to complete 2 races. The first race took 55 minutes and the second on a shorter course took about 50 minutes.

The first race in the Laser fleet was closely fought between Alex South and Xavier from Riverview and Laser # 167041. Ultimately, Laser #167041 triumphed, Alex South was second and Xavier third. Alex South was so fast in the second race and finished so far ahead of her rivals that only two boats finished within the time limit of ten minutes after Alex's finish time. Second place went to Xavier from Riverview.

The pacer fleet in the first race was spread out over the course, such that only the first ten boats finished within the time limit. In the second race, a shorter course was sailed, and only four boats were able to finish within the time limit.

There were some grumbles about the weather and the lack of wind (hey this is sailing after all!) however, most competitors were content to see the last of a trying day without complaint. Well done sailors!

Thanks to all the parents and teachers who gave up their time to make the event possible and to Mal for making himself available to act as RO for the day.

Full results will be on the website later this week.

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