



INITIAL LACK OF WIND ON SECOND DAY FORCES POSTPONEMENT OF 6MR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, BUT RACES COMPLETED EVENTUALLY

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Race report Day 2 Six Metre Class World Championship

With light wind that couldn't quite make up its mind the races were initially postponed on shore and then further postponement on the water.

Race Committee was finally able to set up in the middle of the bay with the wind filling in from the East in the direction of the Lions Gate Bridge. The weather mark was set towards Stanley Park. Code flag R was flown for both fleets, indicating 3x around.

The first start for the open division local boat New Sweden looked like they had a good start, most of the fleet stayed on starboard and sailed up the port side of the course getting continually lifted as they progressed. Boats tacked out and then back onto port in order to keep a clean lane. Two thirds up the leg boats began to tack back onto port and sail for the weather mark early of the lay line.

The first boats to round the weather mark in the open division were Junior SUI 77, New Sweden followed by K 12.

The Classic fleet started on the same line and similarly chose to continue on starboard tack and sail up the left-hand side of the course, this side also appeared to have more pressure. By the time the Classic fleet arrived at the weather mark, Elisabeth X N 80 was the first boat to round, followed by May Be VII USA 87, Hanko US 96, Lianoria US 83 and Totem US 51.

Open division second up wind leg New Sweden dug further into the left corner compared to Junior, as both boats tacked back for the weather mark New Sweden had gained the lead. Junior SUI 77 was now in second place at the mark followed by K 12.

Most of the open division boats jibed soon after the spacer mark as the wind shifted to the East.

The Classic fleet weather mark was moved about one half mile to the east, in line with the wind. May Be VII US 87 made good choices up wind to round the weather mark now ahead of N 80 and followed by Flapper N 71 and Goose US 81



With the wind now coming more out of the East the open division also had the weather mark move in line. The fleet sailed more on the right side of the course up wind, with leaders New Sweden and Junior covering the middle of the course. By the weather mark New Sweden CAN 129 had extended her lead over Junior SUI 77, third boat to round was now Sophie II SUI 132 ahead of K 12 and Sting USA 127.

Finish order for the open division was: 1st New Sweden CAN 129, 2nd Junior SUI 77, and 3rd Sophie SUI 132.

Classic Division May Be VII US 87 held their lead, Flapper N 71 must have chosen the correct shifts to tack on up wind and rounded ahead of Elisabeth X N 80.

Downwind there was enough pressure for both fleets to sail down the middle of the course on starboard jibe to the finish.

Finish order for the Classic Division in Race 1 on Day 2: 1st May Be VII, 2nd Flapper N 71, 3rd across the line E 16 Bribon.

The second race of the day the open division had a clean start, majority of the boats continued on starboard tack about half way up the weather leg. Wind shifted right as RC Mark 1 quickly re set the weather mark for the Classic Division before they started. By the weather mark Evalina FIN 78 was in first, closely followed by K 12 and SUE 77. The fleet split down wind as half chose to jibe immediately after the spacer mark.

The open division sailing up wind on their second leg stayed to the left side of the course again, with boats tacking for clear air and then back in faze.

Approaching the weather mark open division boats K 12 and Evalina FIN 78 approached from the left, Junior SUI 77 tacked below and ahead. This mark rounding was very tight with K12, New Sweden CAN 129, Junior SUI 77, Sophie SUI 132 all rounding very close, with boats slotting into the approach from port.

Classic Division now approached the weather mark for the third rounding with Fridlon FIN 12 having a very good lead on the fleet, followed by Sprig USA 43, Bribon Gallant E 16, Goose N 71 gained some distance by managing to hoist 3 boat lengths before the spacer mark. The lead boats held starboard tack until Saga US 73 and Goose US 81 jibed, and the leaders jibed to cover.

The open division last rounding as the fleet headed for finish, they seemed to have sorted out positions and were spaced nicely at the weather mark. St Francis X CAN 135, was first around followed by Junior SUI 77, Sophie SUI 132, Evelina FIN 78 and Sting USA 127. Downwind most of the fleet jibed on to port early and headed for the black cloud that indicates pressure. Open division posted results for day 2, race 4: 1st St Francis CAN 135, 2nd Junior SUI 77, 3rd Sophie SUI 132.



Classic Division last rounding didn't see much change in position for the top boats. Order as they crossed the line: 1st Fridolin FIN 12, Sprig USA 43 followed by Bribon Gallant E 16.

Tomorrow the racing is scheduled to start at 1100 for the third day of the Six Metre Class World Championship.

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Hosted by the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC), the Six Metre World Championship takes place from September 17 to 21 with 47 yachts from 11 countries participating. This is the first time Canada has hosted the regatta since it began in 1973.

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