



# Helford River Sailing Club

Dinghy Race Report: Spring Weekend Series  
Sunday 8th May 16:35: Pursuit E N-E 1-5



## The Forecast that Wasn't

Predictions for an easterly 20 gusting 30mph failed to materialize on the Helford. A moderate breeze greeted racers with the odd muscular gust as the fleet beat towards the Narrows, on the flooding tide. Roger McDonald opted for keeping out of the current leading three full rigged Lasers, chasing Andrew Hosking's Radial. By the time the fleet had reached the centre of the river, of Bosahan, the wind had started to become work-shy. At this point, Andrew's Radial and Phil Philpott's Blaze rigs started to look underdressed in their smaller sails.

After a satisfactory return up river, where the wind behaved itself, from Bosahan light airs almost evaporated leaving sails slapping and burgees spinning in a 5 foot swell. Tantalizingly close was a darker disturbed surface beyond Gew as an easterly tried to get back to the river again.

After a 15-minute nap, racers were gently awakened by the light caress of a cool breeze felt on their faces and soon all three full rigged Lasers met for a chat at Committee, ready for the surf to Trebah.

McD led Andy Biggs as the breeze variously switched between a near beam reach to run. Sailing in the no go zone on a run in surf tempts the "death roll" as Andy was to rediscover to his displeasure as his craft wobbled and promptly pitched him in.

Dreaming of a Laser purchase but occasionally glancing in his rearview mirror, McD teased Brooks the remainder of the way to Trebah, nonchalantly leaving a yard or two of hull in front, and finally cracking a huge grin past the final mark.

Have a look at our race calendar on line at HRSC and if you would like to pop out in your own boat to race or to view courses with Andy Biggs in a double hander on Tuesday evenings, call HRSC 01326 231006

## Results

Race 1: R McDonald, S Brooks, A Biggs.

**Captain Dinghies** thanks all those in support of the fleet on the day,

**Safety:** R Hosking & B Johns

**Photography** © R Hosking

Pursuit NE	Time	Date	E-NE 1-5		
<b>Spring Weekend Series</b>	16.35	08-May-16	PN	H/cap	POS
<b>Helm</b>	<b>Crew</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Sail No.</b>		
Roger McDonald		Laser	100387	1095	PY 1
Stephen Brooks		Laser	179651	1095	PY 2
Andy Biggs		Laser	138471	1095	PY 3
Phil Philpott		Blaze	604	1021	PY 4
Andrew Hosking		Laser	108868	1095	PY 5
Beks Hosking		Laser 4.7	108868	1195	RO <b>Ave Points</b>
Ben Johns		Laser Radial	205315	1135	RO <b>Ave Points</b>

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**Course** **Pursuit**

**East** C D U V Q D ( U C D ) All Marks to Port