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Velocitek B14 National Championships Weston Sailing Club Day 2

Seavolution's Day at the Races

Day 2 and the fleet were greeted with a 5 – 7 knots Northerly breeze and sunshine. Race 5 and with a port bias the fleet congregated at the pin. The boats that came out best were Performance Rigging (Don Forster/Sean Dwyer) and Velocitek (Guy Whitby/Anna Payne). As the fleet split left and right, it was all about tide and wind lanes. First to the windward mark was Performance Rigging followed by Seavolution (Mark Barnes/Pete Nicholson) and Blue Marine (Drew Malcolm/George Morris) with the next 5 boats overlapped. Battle royal ensued down the run with Performance rigging holding on by the smallest of margins from Seavolution and Ovington Boats (Chris Turner/Phil Eltringham). Up the next beat Seavolution got the jump on Performance Rigging and led from this point onwards pulling away from the fleet over the next 2 laps. However, a real battle developed behind between Ince&Co (Mark Watts/Tim Rogers), North Sails (Nils Joliffe/Richie Bell), 758 (Tim Harrison/Johnny Radcliffe) and Ovington. At the finish it was Ince&Co by the narrowest of margins from 758 and Ovington.

Race 6 and more of the same with Ovington and Performance rigging winning the pin but with Seavolution and Ince&Co holding the middle ground on a slight port bias line. Up the beat Seavolution covered their adversaries but Performance Rigging and Ovington went hard left with Ovington first to round followed by Seavolution, Ince&Co and Blue Marine. With the fleet tightly compacted the places changed continuously throughout the race with Ovington holding on to the finish whilst a real dogfight occurred astern between Seavolution and Ince&Co. So at the finish, Ovington won from Seavolution narrowly pipping Ince&Co with the pack closing on the leaders at the finish.

With a dying breeze, the decision was made to send the fleet ashore. As this did not materialise R/O Mike Jarman binned it for the day. So with 3 races to sail tomorrow, Seavolution leads from 758, Ince&Co and Ovington.

Kings of the Handicap Series are Sailsport (Tony Blackmore/Charlotte Jones) and Blue Marine on equal points, showing the fleet the way and lying to wait for all comers on the final day.

Conditions for tomorrow promise are predicted to be a 7 – 8 knot gradient wind. However, The Sumo Suit wrestling and party games may account for a few tonight.

Rank	Sponsor/Name	SailNo	Helm	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett
1st	Seavolution	768	Mark BARNES	Peter NICHOLSON	1	2	-4	2	1	2	12	8
2nd		758	Tim HARRISON	Jonny RADCLIFFE	4	1	5	1	3	-13	27	14
3rd	Ince & Co	772	Mark WATTS	Tim (Stig) ROGERS	3	5	-6	5	2	3	24	18
4th	MJF/North Sails UK	757	Nils Jolife	Richie BELL	5	3	1	6	-8	5	28	20
5th	Ovington	777	Chris TURNER	Phil ELTRINGHAM	8	-(27.0 OCS)	8	3	4	1	51	24
6th	Blue Marine	7	Drew MALCOLM	George MORRIS	9	7	2	-14	5	8	45	31

7th	2 racks of pork	774	Piers LAMBERT	Kathy SHERRATT	10	-11	3	4	10	11	49	38
8th	Leaky Pipes	760	Gerry BROWN	Leaky	2	9	13	-15	14	6	59	44
9th	Hydrotherapy	776	Dick ROE	Kate DULIEU	-(27.0 DNF)	6	7	18	11	12	81	54
10th		770	Simon HADLEY	Tristan HUTT	-17	8	17	13	7	14	74	57