

Heat #1

2007 Nov 25 - GPS Challenge. Boggy Lake

Race day one was held at a choppy Boggy Lake in winds of around 15-20 knots. The breeze did not reach the forecast 20-25, and even blew from a different direction than forecast, but we were all happy to be out on the water chasing the numbers. Entrant numbers were down on what was expected, but there is certainly time for more sailors (with or without GPS units) to join in at the next round on Dec 8th or 9th at the Murray Mouth. Remember, participation puts you in the running to win the major prize at the end of the season of a new KA Koncept sail!

This first day of a four-event series was fiercely competitive with all entrants staying out on the water for upwards of 5 hours in an effort to get that elusive gust that will put them in the lead. Sam Doecke sailed an amazing 201km for the day and Carl MacDonald not far behind with 178km - pity it wasn't a distance competition.

The final results were: (Sailor, Equipment & Max Screen Readout in knots).

01. Tim Hemer (Neil Pryde / Starboard) 34.7 02. Chris Dimond (KA Sail / Exocet) 33.5 03. Sam Doecke (KA Sail / Fanatic) 32.9 04. Chris Reiffel (KA Sail / JP) 32.3 05. Carl MacDonald (Neil Pryde / Starboard) 31.1 06. Norman Clarke (Neil Pryde / Starboard) 29.9 07. Nick Bellgrove (Neil Pryde / ?) 29.5 08. Richard Upton (? / ?) 28.3 09. Steve Roberts 10. Milos Milutinovic

It will be great to see more sailors on the water at the next race day in December.

Thanks to KA Sail for their generous sponsorship of this race series, and to the Lake Connewarre crew in Victoria for the beers - Chris Dimond AUS06

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Entry Form: http://www.windsurfing.org/files/2007/E2007_SA_Summer_of_Speed.pdf