

Wood was left capsized at the start of Race 6 with a hole in his sail following a pileup before the start but was 10th boat round the wingmark for the first time, Fenwick, Robertshaw, Steve Clarke and Beers the leaders. Hampe was towed in dismasted. By the second time through the gate Wood was up to 5th place behind Fenwick, Robertshaw and Beers and he had passed Clarke by the wing mark again. Back at the gate Wood was 3rd and he carried on to take 2nd place to Fenwick, having sailed through almost the entire fleet.

By the start of Race 7 the conditions were ideal and the course unchanged. Back on station, Hampe led off the line again with Wood third away, which he was to convert to a significant lead by the wing mark, followed by Beers, Fenwick and Hampe. In the final stages of the race Wood pulled ahead for a win of nearly 3 minutes over Fenwick. Had it not been the need to get ashore for the championships dinner there would probably have been some who would happily have stayed out for more racing in the ideal conditions.

The long distance race, Race 5, was rescheduled for Saturday when there was a decent wind under a cloudy sky. There was a clean start from Milarrochy Bay southwest through Hell's Gate between Inchcruin and Inchfad, where the wind strengthened. The course led round Creinch then back between Inchcailloch and Inchfad before heading northwest for an anticlockwise circuit of Inchlonaig and back to the start. Beers had a comfortable lead as the wind dropped away clear of Inchfad but Wood, Fenwick and Warren were following. Beers did not retain it and Wood took over on the Inchlonaig circuit for a final win of 23 seconds with Fenwick another 5 seconds back after an hour and a half of racing.

The seven results allowed one discard. Wood and Fenwick each dropped a 3rd place, Wood with five wins and a 2nd place, a resounding result just one point from a best possible score. These two were well clear of the rest of the fleet, Beers the first of the Germans in 4th place and Grigell, 7th overall, the first lady. Fleming, in 10th place, was the first of the One Designs.

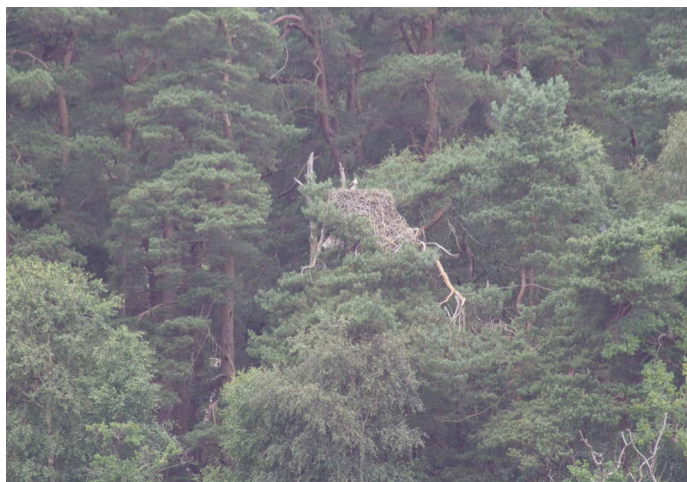
With the annual event usually around southern England or Wales, it is pleasing to see a championships in Scotland well supported and sailors coming from as far away as Hamburg.



Ferries at the bottom of the garden or, at least, cutting through the fleet.



Emma Grigell, first lady.



Osprey at its nest with a grandstand view of the racing.

- R1: IC:** 1 R Wood, Tenby, 32:43. 2 M Fenwick, Weymouth, 32:47. 3 C Hampe, Hooe Pt, 34:24.
ICOD: 1 S Fleming, W Kirby, 38:58. 2 T Marston, W Kirby, 39:58. 3 S Dawson, W Kirby, 40:52.
R2: IC: 1 R Wood, Tenby, 35:17. 2 M Fenwick, Weymouth, 36:50. 3 T Robertshaw, Weston, 37:34.
ICOD: 1 S Dawson, W Kirby, 39:32. 2 P McLaren, L Lomond, 40:40. 3 S Fleming, W Kirby, 40:54.
R3: IC: 1 R Wood, Tenby, 37:01. 2 T Robertshaw, Weston, 38:34. 3 M Fenwick, Weymouth, 38:42.
ICOD: 1 S Fleming, W Kirby. 2 P McLaren, L Lomond.
R4: IC: 1 M Fenwick, Weymouth, 37:11. 2 A Warren, Aldeburgh, 38:35. 3 R Wood, Tenby, 39:03.
ICOD: 1 S Fleming, W Kirby. 2 P McLaren, L Lomond. 3 T Marston, W Kirby.
R5: IC: 1 R Wood, Tenby, 1:32:49. 2 S Beers, Flensburg Harrislee, 1:33:12.
 3 M Fenwick, Weymouth, 1:33:17.
ICOD: 1 P McLaren, L Lomond. 2 S Fleming, W Kirby.
R6: IC: 1 M Fenwick, Weymouth, 46:16. 2 R Wood, Tenby, 46:43. 3 T Robertshaw, Weston, 47:14.
ICOD: 1 S Fleming, W Kirby. 2 P McLaren, L Lomond.
R7: IC: 1 R Wood, Tenby, 39:59. 2 M Fenwick, Weymouth, 42:55.
 3 S Beers, Flensburg Harrislee, 43:10.
ICOD: 1 S Fleming, W Kirby. 2 P McLaren, L Lomond.
Total: IC: 1 R Wood, Tenby, 7. 2 M Fenwick, Weymouth, 11. 3 T Robertshaw, Weston, 22.
ICOD: 1 S Fleming, W Kirby, 7. 2 P McLaren, L Lomond, 13. 3 S Dawson, W Kirby, 21.
O/A: 1 R Wood, Tenby, 7.0. 2 M Fenwick, Weymouth, 11.0. 3 T Robertshaw, Weston, 22.3.