

Report on the practice racing session for Gairloch Boat Club Thursday 21st August 2025

It was a super evening with light easterly wind. Five boats were sailing, four single-handed boats and one double-handed

The first race was the longest of the evening.

The course start line was between the safety boat and a yellow buoy, away from the shore and in clear wind. The windward and reach boys were in fact two Creel markers very close to the shore. They were also in the lee, this made the wind very fluky for the reaching leg.

The course was a triangle, followed by a sausage. The triangle was formed sailing round the three buoys, followed by the sausage, formed by going back up to the windward mark and then straight back down to the start mark.

The race was therefore triangle, sausage, triangle, a final sausage. With the finish on the run through the original start line.

Morven and Bruce crossed the finish line so close together, that it was impossible to split them. If it had been a horse race, a photo finish would have been needed.

For the second race we are adjourned to the mass of boys in front of the pier.

This was a quick race from the start, up to a windward buoy, round and on the way down to the finish, a slalom course round yellow buoys.

For the final race, the start was from the safety boat situated near the pier buoys. After the start signal, the crews had to touch the safety boat, in order to continue the race up to a yellow buoy. Boats arriving at the yellow boy had to touch it before heading back down towards the finish. On the way to the finish, a floating pole buoy with seven sweets attached to it had to be grabbed and a chocolate lime sweet removed, to finish the crew had to touch the safety boat.

A good time was had by all.

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