

**High winds at the
Southern
Championship
26–28 May 2007
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In a regatta which was drastically shortened by the weather *Presto* retained the title of Southern Area champions at Seaview yacht club on the Isle of Wight. Only four races were possible over two days as the third day was lost due to high winds.

Eight Sonatas were at the start on Saturday lunchtime for the first of three two-lap windward/leeward races. John Waters and *Presto* took race one from Kevin Cross' *Selene* and John Putt's *Piccolo*. In the second race the first two places were reversed, and *Selene* then made it two wins in a row, again followed by *Presto*, with Tom White's *Pizzicato* getting the third gun this time.

In contrast with the fair winds and blue skies of Saturday, Sunday served up rain and a stiff easterly breeze which made for hard work in the lumpy seas. The day's racing was abandoned after one race. *Presto* won, and a fifth place for *Selene* meant that with no further racing possible *Presto* were once again Southern Area champions. *Selene* finished second overall and *Piccolo* third, *Pizzicato*'s second place in the last race was not quite enough to get them into the top three.

Final results

Place	Sail No	Boat	Owner	Points
1	8377 N	Presto	J. Waters	6
2	8300 N	Selene	K. Cross	9
3	8305 N	Piccolo	J. Putt	14
4	8038 N	Pizzicato	T. White	17
5	8147 N	G String	K. O'Connell	19
6	8313 N	Spellbound	N. Selby	23
7	HK786	Barracuda	R. MacCaw	28
8	8408 N	F Sharp	D. Hunter	29