

## Saurage Closes Opening with First Circuit Victory

Considering Hank Saurage's record of multiple top ten finishes in World, National, and Midwinter Championships, it's hard to believe this regatta would be his first win on the Gulf Coast Sunfish Racing Circuit that averages 15-25 boats.

Saturday's offshore, 15-20kt breeze paved the way for the bigger sailors to open up a lead on the rest of the fleet in preparation for the lighter stuff expected on Sunday. In race four(Sunday's first), Todd Edwards took his six point lead over the line early, then into a huge hole on the left. A late call had Hank and Brian Harrison returning also, but Hank managed to get back into the race. Going into the last race, two points seperated the top three boats (Todd & Bishop tied with Hank close behind) and those three would round the first two marks 1,2,3. Sharing the lead with Bishop, Todd decided to take Bishop to the left side of course to find a better breeze. Nothing was found except a pack moving in front of them. A few shifts later, Hank was gone with a bullet and his first circuit win.

The Circuit is still pretty tight with the top four boats all within three points, 1 throw out. The fourth stop on the GCSRC is the Spring Regatta in Mobile, AL.

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POS	SKIPPER	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Saurage, Hank	2	2	6	4	1	15
2	Stieffel, Bishop	4	3	4	1	6	18
3	Edwards, Todd	3	1	2	6	9	21
4	Beatty, Ash	1	4	7	10	4	26
5	Edwards, Clinton	9	7	5	3	2	26
6	Barnes, Chuck	6	5	3	9	3	26
7	Ollinger, Ellis	5	9	8	2	5	29
8	Harrison, Brian	8	6	1	5	10	30
9	Sladovich, Peter	7	10	9	7	8	41
10	Potts, Johnny	11	8	10	8	7	44
11	Kolenich, Daniel	15	15	15	11	11	67
12	Northrup, Kevin	10	15	15	15	15	70
13	Warren, Melissa	15	15	15	15	15	75
13	Edwards, Ann	15	15	15	15	15	75