

Dinghy Race Report 1.10.17

So much for weather forecasts!

Two days prior to the race, as designated officer of the day, I warned that the potential fleet that that the forecast wind for the Sunday was looking so strong that I was considering abandoning.

As it turned out there was at times barely enough to get moving.

A small fleet of three, two Larks, Steve Kirby single handed in one and Sophie Dandy and Richard Platts in the other, and an Enterprise sailed by Greame Reed and Ralph Maycock made up the fast handicap fleet.



Jake Hambley was the only entrant in the slow handicap in a Topper. Jake was sailing his first ever race and completed the two races ably and without drama.

Given that the wind was light and ridiculously variable it took a few goes to get a windward start/finish line in place. Even then it had to be moved between races.



Two races over three shortish laps gave for some interesting jostling between the larks, the luck of being where the wind was, paying attention to the markers and flying, or not flying, a spinnaker being the deciding factors as to who was in front, the Enterprise decided to pick his own line on the beat and being a slower boat, meant that it would be hard to determine his overall position until the times were corrected.

In the end Steve prevailed in both races with Sophie and Sam coming second and Greame across the line in third.

Thanks to all who took part and special thanks go to Alan Seward and James Platts for manning the safety boat and setting, resetting and adjusting the course and to Sue Coomber for starting and recording duties.



It may not have been quite the racing that we were expecting but it was a very enjoyable way of spending an afternoon on the water.

Results for the series so far mean that The slow fleet result is still wide open and for the fast fleet second and third places are open to challenge. They will be decided by the last two races on the 29th October.

I hope to see you all there!

Chris Coomber

Race results 1 Oct 2017

Helm	Corrected time	Position or DNF DNS RTD
Race 1		
Fast		
Graham Reed	2,338	2
Steve Kirby	2,002	1
Sophie Dandy	2,354	3
Slow		
Jake Hambley	1,830	1
Race 2		
Fast		
Graham Reed	2,213	3
Steve Kirby	2,119	1
Sophie Dandy	2,123	2
Slow		
Jake Hambley	1,728	1

Race series results so far (no discard factored in)

Helms	Class	PN	Series Cumulative Totals	
			Points	Position
FAST FLEET				
Chris Comber	Comet Trio	1085	46	3
Graham Read	Enterprise	1113	37	2
Chris Miller	Bosun	1198	58	6
James Platts			53	5
Steve Kirby	Lark	1071	19	1
Sophie Dandy	Europe	1145	47	4
Sophie Dandy	Lark	11	59	7
Matt Newton		11	59	7
Rob Kirby		11	59	7
Richard Platts	Laser 11	11	77	10
SLOW FLEET				
Ben Whalley	Pico	1300	58	6
Lottie McCleod	Pico	1300	56	4
Rob Richardson	Pico	1300	58	7
Richard Platts	Pico	1300	49	3
Aaron Kirby	Topper	1347	48	2
Mark Sampson	Mirror	1385	55	4
Gary Strong	Pico	1300	61	8
Jake Hambley	Topper	1347	47	1
NOTES				
Helm with the lowest overall point wins				
Drop one race for final points (discard decided after race 8)				
DNF = number started plus 1 point				
DNS = number entered into series plus 1				
OOD = 5 points				
Safety = 5 points				