



RUTLAND LASER NEWS – JUNE 2011

Mays' event reports

Bring and Burn

This years event built on last years inaugural event and was attended by 12 sailors on the water and their families on shore. This years competition was a 'Top Gear' style event with a series of sailing challenges to be completed with points awarded for each event.



Photo of what was supposed to be a broad reach with a gybe at the end (sack the race officer)

This years events included a timed 'Rig Your Laser' challenge where the challenge set by Paul Goodison on the RYA website was 'Can you go Olympic sailing in under 10 minutes?' the answer was a resounding yes with 10 of the 12 sailors all rigging up in less than 10 minutes. The time set by Paul was 6minutes 28 seconds. Six of the fleet beat the time set by Paul and were duly awarded positive points.

There was a repeat of last years pursuit style challenge, chasing another sailor around 2 buoys for 4 laps, the winner was the sailor who caught up with their competitor or who crossed the centerline first, again points were awarded for a win and for taking part and minus points awarded for a capsize.

We also ran a GPS challenge where the idea was to sail round the course with a GPS device on board so the distance sailed, average speed and maximum speed were recorded. The distance was measured by the Rib to set a datum and points were awarded for sailing the course in less than the datum. This event was however not included as the race officer had been a bit ambitious in the course setting a circuit of approximately 1 mile. Only 4 sailors were able to complete this task. The notable highlight was Fiona set the fastest maximum speed of 10.5 mph in a radial rig.

The final event was a quick 1 lap race round the course which was set to include all angles of sailing and plenty of gybes. Or that was the intention but the race officer failed to spot a 40 degree windshift.

Upon returning to the shore the Barbecue was lit and ready and the rest of the evening was spent cooking, eating and drinking on the balcony followed by a prize giving.

Results and prizes of the challenge:-

1st Fiona Tylecote
2nd Jon Williams
3rd Bev Lindsey

Worst score – Tim Smith

Fastest Rigger – Clare Seymour 5 mins 2 seconds

Sunday 22nd May - Laser series (class focus day)

For breakfast I usually have 3 weetabix when going sailing all day and its going to be reasonably windy, this Sunday was no exception though I may have underestimated how many weetabix I should have had.

Around 10 Laser sailors turned up for the second round of this years ongoing Laser Series. However with very strong, gusty winds only 1 race of 1 lap was completed with most sailors not even making the start area, racing was then abandoned for the day.

Therefore this day will not be included in the series as Another weekend will be added to the calendar to compensate. I would classify this day as a 5 weetabix day for future reference.

Thursday 26th May – Laser series

This was our first ever Thursday evening race to count in the Laser series, 13 sailors turned out to sail in conditions that I would describe as 4 weetabix conditions, newcomer Mark Williams finally managed to complete a race without any breakages coming in a very creditable second after a 10 year lay off, in the rough breezy conditions ahead of many of the regulars seen at the front of the fleet.

Laser Series Results to date

Scratch handicap

LASER DAYS COMBINED RESULTS - SCRATCH
 NO OF ENTRANTS PLUS 26
 22 Races

Rank	Class	SailNo	Helm	PY	27-Mar	27-Mar	27-Mar	27-Mar	26-May	POINTS
					R1	R2	R3	R4	R1	
1	LASER C	175677	Richard Pratt		2	1	4		1	8
2	LASER V	180964	Mike Guy		3	2	2	1		8
3	LASER C	198994	Edward Bolton King		1	3	1		6	11
4	LASER V	196398	Mick hyde		4	4			7	41
6	LASER V	143938	Philip Gwyther		9	9		3		47
7	LASER V	146163	Evan Williams		8	7			8	49
8	LASER V	182444	Peter Guttridge		6	8			10	50
5	LASER V	90503	Ed Ashworth				3	2		57
9	LASER	184206	Damon Westwood		5	5				62
11	LASER V	146089	Bev Lindsey		7	6				65
13	LASER C	141200	Mark Williams						2	80
12	LASER V	130722	Ian Grundy						3	81
10	LASER C	167920	Jon Williams						4	82
14	LASER C		Ben Lulham						5	83
15	LASER V	179618	Rob Stenhouse						9	87
16	LASER	102559	Martyn Barrett						11	89

Personal handicap

LASER DAYS COMBINED RESULTS - PERSONAL HANDICAP
 2011 SERIES

Rank	Class	SailNo	Helm	STD RIG PY	27-Mar	27-Mar	27-Mar	27-Mar	26-May	POINTS
					R1	R2	R3	R4	R1	
1	LASER C	175677	Richard Pratt	1024	8	1	4		2	15
2	LASER V	180964	Mike Guy	1025	9	3	3	2		17
3	LASER C	198994	Edward Bolton King	1025	7	5	1		10	23
4	LASER V	143938	Philip Gwyther	1270	1	6		3		36
5	LASER V	196398	Mick hyde	1096	6	2			6	40
6	LASER V	146163	Evan Williams	1141	4	7			4	41
7	LASER V	182444	Peter Guttridge	1152	2	8			7	43
8	LASER V	90503	Ed Ashworth	1228			2	1		55
9	LASER V	184206	Damon Westwood	1140	3	4				59
10	LASER V	146089	Bev Lindsey	1130	5	9				66
11	LASER C	141200	Mark Williams	1111					1	79
12	LASER V	130722	Ian Grundy	1091					3	81
13	LASER V	179618	Rob Stenhouse	1140					5	83
14	LASER C		Ben Lulham	1050					8	86
15	LASER C	167920	Jon Williams	1016					9	87
16	LASER V	102559	Martyn Barrett	1124					11	89

Handicaps adjusted – Mark Williams goes down to 1050 due to no previous data and winning the Thursday personal handicap laser series day . No other amendments.

Coaching Days

Coach Brett has been booked for a full days Laser coaching on :-

Saturday 9th July be rigged and ready for 11.00am

And

Sunday the 25th September be rigged and ready for 11.00am

Laser clothing range



These are now being collated and ordered this week so if you have not yet got round to ordering any you need to let me know sooner rather than later.

June events

U.K.L.A. Laser Master Series 11th & 12th June

Grafham water are hosting round 2 on the 11-12th of June racing starts at approx 12.00 am on the saturday

19th June 2011 Sea Sailing event at Harwich Town Sailing club

Racing starts at 11.00 am and is intended to be out in the bay (conditions permitting) so I would advise arriving at 9.30 am at the latest. Most of us will pack up on the Thursday before after the racing ready for the Sunday.

Laser Series Sunday 26th June (class focus days)

Round 4 of this years series racing starts at 11.00am 2 races in the morning and 2 in the afternoon.

Laser Series Thursday 30th June (class focus days)

Round 5 of this years series racing starts at 7.00pm 1 race followed by Dinner and drinks afterwards in the bar.

Forthcoming events

Laser Events at the club and other notable dates

Laser Series (class focus days)

27 th March,	<u>Thursdays</u>
22 nd May, to be rescheduled	26 th May
26th June,	30th June,
11th September,	18th August.
30th October.	

17th July 2011 Rutland Laser Grand Prix

Laser Mart – Some members are selling relatively new boats which are all advertised in the club office (ask for the for sale book if interested). Others are wanting boats that are a little older. If you have a boat that you are considering selling there are a couple of buyers in the club who are looking to buy a Laser. If you do want to sell I can put you in touch with these prospective buyers.

And finally

Members leaving – Sadly Nick has Bought a Musto Skiff and is selling his Laser so watch out for him on the water flying by (usually 20ft above water level as he has not trapezed before) good luck. And Greg is going back home to Canada after 3 years over here where he got back into Laser sailing after selling his boat over 20 years ago to get married. He is promising to carry on when he gets home.