

## Newhaven & Seaford Sailing Club's 2011 'Sailing Week'

Monday morning Matt Springall sailing his Laser won the first AM Fun race in light conditions. After lunch the racing proper started, with a Committee Boat single start in the bay and some dozen boats on a simple triangular course. Of the two Streakers present it was Alan Simmons (the sole visiting helm) who pulled out ahead of Laurence Venus and Matt Springall (Laser, full rig). Rupert Smith and Chris Turner in their Fireball, Terry and Greg Jones on their Dart 18 catamaran and Jamie Lynch on his Dart 18 were the only boats (from the home club) to finish ahead of this pair on the water after a good hour's race but it was Alan and Laurence in top spot after the handicaps were worked out.

After a short break a second very short race started in slightly more breeze. With just single lap it was Jamie Lynch 1<sup>st</sup> across the line, Rupert Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, Terry Jones 3<sup>rd</sup>, James Clapham and Jenny Clapham ( Dart 18) 4<sup>th</sup> and Darren Field in his Vago 5<sup>th</sup>.

Alan Simmons was again ahead of Laurence at the finish – but this time only just – in 6<sup>th</sup> spot but with plenty of time in hand to beat the rest of the fleet. Laurence was pipped for 2<sup>nd</sup> place by 2 seconds by Rupert Smith, only 10 seconds separated the first three boats on corrected time.

Tuesday morning Rupert Smith with Gabriel H sailing a Laser 2 won the Fun race in very light breezes.

In the afternoon Race 3 got away, from another Committee boat start on yet another triangular course. Again it was Rupert Smith in the Fireball who led the way around ahead of Terry Jones, James Clapham then Dave Edwards and Alan Oatway in their Dart 18. Next home in his Streaker was Laurence who had been battling with Matt Springall in his full rig Laser then Darren Field and with Alan Simmons behind this group. After handicaps were applied it was Laurence 1<sup>st</sup>, Rupert 2<sup>nd</sup> and Alan 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Race 4, sailed over the same course lasted only two laps, saw Laurence finish ahead of Alan yet again with the pair behind Rupert's Fireball, Dave Edwards, John Morrison and Michael Veale in a Stealth Catamaran, James and Dave Robertson in a Hobie 16, James and Jenny Clapham and with Darren Field ahead of Alan. After Handicapping Laurence was again in first place with Rupert 2<sup>nd</sup> and Alan 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Wednesday morning started off with the lightest of breezes and the fun race as a Le Mans start Alan Simmons won this race.

Race 5, after lunch, was over a traditional Olympic course – Triangle and Sausage - with, as usual the faster Fireball and Catamarans leaping into the lead. At the end of two full laps first home was Jamie Lynch then Rupert Smith followed by Terry Jones, James Clapham. Next home having managed to fend off Matt Springall was Laurence and behind these two Alan Simmons. This time it was the Streakers one, two with Rupert in third spot on handicap. After another short delay, Race 6 and all were off on the same course once more with Jamie Lynch well ahead then Terry Jones, James Clapham, Rupert, Matt, Laurence and then Alan. The results were calculated with top spot going to Rupert followed by Laurence, then Alan, Jamie and Matt.

Thursday dawned as forecast – well almost – with strong wind and an increasing surf. It did not look promising and both the wind increased (up to 27 knots) and the surf got higher so racing

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was abandoned for the day with the hope that a second race could be added to Friday's program.

Friday dawned, almost calm, with plenty of sunshine again Rupert Smith with George Appleton sailing the Laser 2 won the morning Fun race.

After lunch two races were planned, as had been hoped for, but with shore starts this time. Even though the line was angled well back to the east the wind was very southerly and the second (outer) lane start for the Squibs and Cats gave them a substantial advantage. The course was a trapezium giving a very close reach and then a long downwind, down wave leg finishing off with a close reach along the beach. Some 23 boats entered race 7 – the most all week.

Jamie Lynch was soon in the lead followed by Terry Jones, Rupert Smith, David Edwards, John Morrison and then James Robertson. In seventh place his Laser was Matt Springall who had been battling with Laurence Venus and a bit behind this pair was Alan Simmons. After the handicapping it was Laurence, Rupert and Alan in that order.

So to the final Race 8 again with a shore start and over the same course. The breeze had come up even a touch more so the Cats were off and away Dave Edwards finishing in top spot ahead of James Robertson, Terry Jones, then Rupert Smith in the Fireball. Next home, having had yet more grief with Laurence was Matt Springall with the Laser 2 sailed by Jack Turner sneaking in ahead of Alan Simmons.

And so another, successful, Sailing week concluded. The weather was kind, sunny, warm and mainly light breezes which allowed all levels of competence to imbibe. Thursday was an unfortunate aberration but all was not lost with the inclusion of the extra race on Friday.

The results were split up into several categories, Overall, Fast Fleet, Slow Fleet, Multi Hulls, Cadets and Fun Races. For the full results follow this link to the NSSC site - <http://www.nssc.org.uk/results2011.htm>. but the short hand version is as below:-

Overall – 1<sup>st</sup> Laurence Venus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Simmons, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rupert Smith and Chris Turner.

Fast Fleet – 1<sup>st</sup> Rupert Smith and Chris Turner, Darren Field and various crews,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Terry and Greg Jones,

Slow Fleet – 1<sup>st</sup> Laurence Venus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Simmons, 3<sup>rd</sup> Matt Springall.

Multihulls – 1<sup>st</sup> Terry & Greg Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jamie Lynch, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Robertson.

Cadets – 1<sup>st</sup> Nathan Bloss (Laser Radial), 2<sup>nd</sup> Louis Gorrington & Ross Turner (Laser )  
3<sup>rd</sup> Stuart (Topper)

Fun Races – 1<sup>st</sup> Rupert Smith & Gabriel H /George Appleton(Laser 2), 2<sup>nd</sup> Penny Springall & Carolyn Turner(Squib), 3<sup>rd</sup> Louis Gorrington & Ross Turner (Laser 2)