



Shropshire Sailing Club Race Results

Sunday 29th August, Long Distance B, Autumn Series

ONLY the brave ventured forth for Sunday's racing at Shropshire Sailing Club.

With westerly winds racing across the lake at 20mph, gusting into the 30s, only a handful of determined racers set sail for the morning's 50 minute long distance race.

Brian Ashton, in his Laser Radial, held off the challenge of his Laser rivals and finished a tiring race out in front. After lunch, with gusts forecast to increase to 44mph, a tired Dave Cope left his Laser on the shore, but Ben Lawrence launched to join the remaining competitors.

In a battle of survival for what was to prove the afternoon's only race, all three racers capsized more than once. A fresh, young Lawrence had the most strength and held on for the win, with Ashton and Dave Wright gallant runners-up.

At this point the wind was strong enough for the committee boat, from which the racing is controlled, to drag its anchor, so it was decided discretion was the better part of valour and everyone retired ashore.

Long Distance B Race 4 (handicap)

1. Brian Ashton; 2. Dave Wright; 3. Dave Cope.

Autumn Series Race 1 (pursuit)

1. Ben Lawrence; 2. Brian Ashton; 3. Dave Wright. Top junior, Ben Lawrence.

Autumns Series Races 2, 3 & 4 abandoned