



Sunday 10th October, Autumn Open Meeting

BEN Lawrence continued his rich autumnal run of form by winning an impromptu day series race at Shropshire Sailing Club on Sunday.

With the best two results counting from three races, there was little margin for error and the recently crowned 2010 junior champion Lawrence added two firsts to his second from the opening race to end on two points overall.

Second place went to Colin Smith and Sue Walters, who defied the light winds in their Flying 15 to claim a 3, 2, while Paul Dutton enjoyed the conditions in a British Moth to finish third on six points with a 2, 4, 4.

The first race before lunch was launched in very light winds and though there was enough breeze at Whitemere to move competitors across the lake, the approaches to the two windward marks were in 40 yards of wind shadow and painful for all concerned.

Nonetheless, some had more success than others judging the approach and Jim Shipp in his Solo held off Lawrence in a Laser by just four seconds on adjusted time.

After lunch, Shipp dropped out and Lawrence dominated proceedings, though the fleet behind was closely packed with 90 seconds covering all finishers in the final race.

Final Placings.

1. Ben Lawrence (1, 1, 2) 2pts; 2. Colin Smith & Sue Walters (3, 2, -) 5pts; 3. Paul Dutton (2, 4, 4) 6pts; 4. Mike Davy & Sue Ilott (3, 5, 6) 8pts; 5. Brian Ashton (3, 5, -) 8pts. Top junior, Ben Lawrence.