



## Shropshire Sailing Club Race Results

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### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June, Club Regatta & British Moth Open

A **BUSY** weekend at Shropshire Sailing Club culminated in a fierce day's racing on Sunday, with two separate events taking place simultaneously. The club held its annual regatta, which attracted 16 helms, while the British Moth dinghy class held its first-ever open meeting at Whitemere.

Both fleets took part in four races, best three results to count, and were faced by shifting winds which varied between a gentle puff and fierce blast - often within the spread of one contest.

The Shropshire regatta was very closely contested with veteran Tim Allan and junior Ben Lawrence winning two races apiece. However Allan's more consistent sailing in his Solo meant his other results of second and third were enough to beat Lawrence's fourth and sixth in his Laser.

They were both pushed very close by the consistent sailing of Mary Clifford (a second and three thirds) and Brian Johnson (second and three fourths) in their Solos.

The British Moth open saw 10 entrants, four from the home club and others from Suffolk, Gloucestershire and Warwickshire. The wind conditions were generally suited to the small, agile single-handers, though the lighter helms were challenged in the gustier conditions.

In the first race, Tom Dutton (Shropshire SC) got off to a flyer and rounded the windward mark closed behind favourite Roger Witts (Frampton-on-Severn SC), but the visitors were among the top helms the class has to offer and they gradually sailed through to the front.

Witt was unbeatable in the first three races, though fierce tussles developed behind him with three or four boats regularly changing places. The strong winds took their toll with Richard Keefe (St Edmundsbury SCA), dropping from second to fifth in the first race after making hasty repairs on the water, Elaine Laverty (Mid-Warwickshre YC forced to withdraw from the day's racing after damaging her boat and Dutton retiring from the second after suffering equipment failure during a capsized.

Angus Bartaby (Shropshire SC), making his bow in Moths soon got to grips with the unfamiliar craft and, after picking up some tips, made his mark, stealing the final race by three minutes in a light wind drift.

#### Shropshire Regatta

1. Tim Allan (4 points); 2. Ben Lawrence (6pts); 3. Mary Clifford (8pts); 4. Brian Johnson (10pts); 5. Chris Truman (12pts). Top junior, Ben Lawrence.

#### British Moth Open

1, Roger Witts (Frampton-on-Severn SC) (3 points); 2. Graham Pope (Frampton-on-Severn SC) (7pts); 3. Angus Bartaby (Shropshire SC) (9pts).