



Shropshire Sailing Club Race Results

Sunday 28th February – Long Distance A & Shropshire Shiverer

THE regular race season began at Shropshire Sailing Club last weekend (Sun Feb 28) with heavy winds testing the mettle of racers.

Lottie Rapson comfortably took the morning's long distance race at Whitemere from Dave Wright after her nearest competitor, Ben Lawrence suffered an equipment failure near the end and did not finish.

After lunch, savage gusts above 30mph hit the fleet during the first pre-race countdown and it was a matter of survival, as Tim Allan retired after a capsize and Lawrence failed to finish after another equipment failure. Tom Endacott lead the survivors home, with Rapson second and father and son Paul and Tom Dutton bringing their GP14 home a respectable third.

The next race turned into a cat and mouse affair between Rapson and Endacott, with the latter leading until he was hit by a gust rounding the final, leeward mark. As he struggled to right his capsized Laser, Rapson sailed by in her Laser Radial to win.

As the gusts softened to the mid-20mph, more boats returned to the water for the final race. Tim Allan jumped into the GP14 and crewed for Paul Dutton and the pair got off to flyer from the start line on starboard tack, cutting across the rest on port.

But Tom Endacott worked well on the beat and moved into the lead and was never truly troubled again, while the fierce fight for second developed behind him. After several place changes and capsizes, Dutton and Allan took second from Rapson by less than five seconds on adjusted time.

11.15 Long Distance A Race 1 (Handicap)

1. Lottie Rapson; 2. Dave Wright. Top junior, Lottie Rapson.

1.30pm Shropshire Shiverer Race 1 (Pursuit)

1. Tom Endacott; 2. Lottie Rapson; 3. Paul Dutton and Tom Dutton. Top junior, Tom Endacott.

2.15pm Shropshire Shiverer Race 2 (Handicap)

1. Lottie Rapson; 2. Tom Endacott. Top junior, Lottie Rapson.

3.30pm Shropshire Shiverer Race 3 (Handicap)

1. Tom Endacott; 2. Paul Dutton & Tim Allan; 3. Lottie Rapson; 4. Ben Lawrence. Top junior, Tom Endacott.