



## Shropshire Sailing Club Race Results

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### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April, Long Distance A & Spring Series

A GREAT day's racing at Shropshire Sailing Club saw competitive racing with places changing regularly throughout the fleet in a series of close-fought battles.

In the morning, Jim Shipp in his Solo held off Angus Bartaby's Laser, with Colin and Ollie Smith taking third.

After lunch there was a great pursuit race. The Solos of Shipp, Tim Allan and Mary Clifford were inseparable for the first half, then Shipp built up what looked like an impregnable 30 second lead, only for his rivals to reel him in again in one dramatic beat. Having slipped past Shipp, Allan then got inside Clifford at the leeward mark and was never behind again.

As Shipp and Clifford tried to keep in touch, Chris Truman produced a late charge in his Laser, which pushed him into second.

Truman was involved in the afternoon's other great battle, during the second pursuit, with fellow Laser sailor Francis Staples With Mary Clifford sailing unstopably into the distance, the Laser pair were neck and neck in the battle for second.

At the beginning of the third lap, the pair suddenly separated for the first time as they tacked on to opposite beats. But just as spectators thought Truman had gone too far out to the left, the two converged at the windward mark with him 30 yards clear. Staples fought back, but by the final hooter, he was still a metre behind.

11.15am Long Distance A (handicap)

1. Jim Shipp; 2. Angus Bartaby; 3. Colin Smith & Ollie Smith; 4. Steve Parker, 5. Les Freeman.

1.30pm Spring Series Race 13 (pursuit)

1. Tim Allan; 2. Chris Truman; 3. Jim Shipp; 4. John Clifford; 5. Mary Clifford.

2.15pm Spring Series Race 14 (handicap)

1. Jim Shipp; 2. Tim Allan; 3. Colin Smith & Ollie Smith; 4. Mike Davy & Tom Davy; 5. John Clifford.

3.30pm Spring Series Race 15 (pursuit)

1. Mary Clifford; 2. Chris Truman; 3. Francis Staples; 4. Mike Davy & Tom Davy; 5. Basil Thompson & Rachel Thompson.

4.15pm Spring Series Race 16 (handicap)

1. Francis Staples; 2. John Clifford; 3. Mary Clifford; 4. Mike Davy & Tom Davy; 5. Rachel Thompson & Basil Thompson.