



Shropshire Sailing Club Race Results

Sunday 24th October, Long Distance B and Winter Series

THE first day of the winter race programme saw 15 boats take to the water at Shropshire Sailing Club.

With the bright sunshine doing little to warm proceedings in 8mph northerly winds, the race officer set a course covering most of Whitemere.

But both windward marks kept falling into wind shadows from the clubhouse and nearby trees and it made an accurate approach essential, with those having to double-tack to lay the mark losing many seconds.

Jim Shipp and Tim Allan dominated proceedings in their Solos, but behind them there were some good tussles, with Dave Wright and Paul Dutton taking a third and fourth respectively in the morning long-distance race, while Elis (crt) Hughes capped his first day's racing with an excellent fourth in the opening race after lunch.

Ben Lawrence also claimed two seconds and a third in his Laser, while 80-somethings Rachel and Basil Thompson took a fifth and fourth in their Flying 15.

11.30am Long Distance B Race 10 (handicap)

1. Jim Shipp; 2. Rachel Thompson & Basil Thompson; 3. Dave Wright; 4. Paul Dutton; 5. Karen Ashton. Top junior, Dominic Baldwin.

1pm Winter Series Race 1 (pursuit)

1. Tim Allan; 2. Ben Lawrence; 3. Jim Shipp; 4. Elis Hughes; 5. Rachel Thompson & Basil Thompson. Top junior, Ben Lawrence.

1.45pm Winter Series Race 2 (handicap)

1. Tim Allan; 2. Ben Lawrence; 3. Jim Shipp; 4. Karen Hughes; 5. Lottie Rapson. Top junior, Ben Lawrence.

2.45pm Winter Series Race 3 (pursuit)

1. Jim Shipp; 2. Tim Allan; 3. Ben Lawrence; 4. Rachel Thompson & Basil Thompson; 5. Lottie Rapson. Top junior, Ben Lawrence.