



Shropshire Sailing Club Race Report

Sunday 25th September

JIM Shipp may have enjoyed a clean sweep of the afternoon racing at Shropshire Sailing Club on Sunday, but Lottie Rapson marked her last weekend at the club before leaving for her first year at Oxford University by winning the morning's long distance race by three seconds on adjusted time.

Rapson beat fellow junior Francis Baldwin into second place by the tiny margin after an hour's racing, with Mike Davy and Karen Ashton a further two seconds behind Baldwin.

After lunch, the wind began to build from 5mph to around 13mph, before gusts started blowing beyond 20mph later on. With Shipp in control, the battle for places behind him was fierce, with Brian Ashton, Basil and Rachel Thompson, Colin and Ollie Smith and then Francis Baldwin all taking second place in different races.

In the last pair of races, the ever-strengthening wind deterred some from launching. Those who did battled the winds, particularly on the second gybe mark, which claimed several victims, including Paul Dutton with a spectacular downwind capsized to windward.

Long Distance B Race 6 (handicap)

1. Lottie Rapson; 2. Francis Baldwin; 3. Mike Davy & Karen Ashton; 4. Brian Ashton; 5. Brian Johnson. Top junior, Lottie Rapson.

1.15pm Autumn Series Race 9 (pursuit)

1. Jim Shipp; 2. Basil Thompson & Rachel Thompson; 2. Mike Davy & Karen Ashton; 4. Dominic Baldwin; 5. Brian Rapson. Top junior, Dominic Baldwin.

2pm Autumn Series Race 10 (handicap)

1. Jim Shipp; 2. Brian Ashton; 3. Mike Davy & Karen Ashton; 4. Colin Smith & Ollie Smith; 5. Francis Baldwin. Top junior, Francis Baldwin.

3.15pm Autumn Series Race 11 (pursuit)

1. Jim Shipp; 2. Colin Smith & Ollie Smith; 3. Francis Baldwin; 4. Brian Ashton. Top junior, Francis Baldwin.

4pm Autumn Series Race 12 (handicap)

1. Jim Shipp; 2. Francis Baldwin; 3. Paul Dutton; 4. Brian Ashton. Top junior, Francis Baldwin.