



Sunday 13th February 2011, Frostbite Series

LOW, heavy clouds and 15mph winds gusting 30, provided a discouraging start to the day at Shropshire Sailing Club, as white horses could be seen on the mere.

Consequently, only three launched for the first race, all opting for the smaller Laser sail, the Radial, to cope with the challenging conditions.

The wind promptly dropped to around 5mph during the pre-race countdown and never really returned, leaving Angus Bartaby to comfortably glide away at the front with Dave Wright and Paul Dutton scuffling behind him.

Dutton and Wright traded several places, until they split on the last beat, with the latter's choice allowing him to open up a decisive gap.

After lunch, with the wind still light, two of the Lasers rerigged to the full sail, while Bartaby jumped into the new club Solo for the pursuit race. The only difference to proceedings was that the wind dropped still further to a whisper, but the end result remained the same, with the two Lasers completely unable to close the gap on Bartaby.

As the rain increased during the second race, so the wind decreased and when it reached the point where the water was only disturbed by the ripples from the raindrops, Officer of the Day Ben Lawrence abandoned the third and final race. Special thanks to Tom Dutton for volunteering to help in the committee boat on an unpleasant day.

11.30am Frostbite series (handicap) Race 19

1. Angus Bartaby; 2. Dave Wright; 3. Paul Dutton.

1pm Frostbite series (pursuit) Race 20

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