

The National Championships – Filey 2000.

Filey Sailing Club hosted the 2000 Streaker National Championships on 24-25th June. 22 competitors were greeted with a north westerly force 3-4 which provided ideal sailing conditions.

Race 1 saw good starts from Alan Gillard (Sheffield Viking SC), Roger Finbow (Pennine SC) and Craig Raistrick (Pennine SC). At the windward mark the fleet was tightly bunched, however Gillard established a lead followed by Peter Northen (Filey SC), and Mike Rimmer (Covenham SC). Gillard extended his lead and Rimmer showed superior downwind speed to pass Northen. The leaders held their positions to the finish followed by Edward Whitehead (Filey SC), Dan Rimmer (Covenham SC) and Raistrick.

Nick Lovell (Covenham SC) was the early leader in race 2 followed by Paul Crofts (Pennine SC). Gillard recovered from an average start to lead around the windward mark followed by Raistrick, Mike Rimmer and Northen. Gillard again sailed clear of the fleet obtaining a 2 minute lead by the finish. The minor positions were closely contested with Whitehead, Mike Rimmer and Northen at one stage taking second positions. Mike Rimmer finally secured second place followed by Northen, Raistrick and Whitehead.

Sunday saw a forecast North-North-Westerly force 4-5 with a large swell. Northen and Mike Rimmer were first away and led around the windward mark followed by Gillard, Raistrick and Dan Rimmer. The fleet was unfortunate to be met by a squall when approaching the gybe mark which caused many of the leaders, including Northen and Rimmer, to capsize. In fact at one point only 9 boats remained upright putting the rescue facilities under pressure for a short while. Gillard took advantage of the situation and sailed conservatively, playing the percentages to establish the lead and win the race. Behind, Whitehead was second, followed by Lovell, Northen and Colin Aldred (Filey SC).

Races 4&5 were sailed back to back. The start of race 4 saw the wind visibly increasing. Dan Rimmer started from the starboard end of the line and quickly tacked off onto port. Gillard started from the middle of the line and Northen from the port end. Raistrick rounded first followed by Gillard, Lovell and Northen. Raistrick and Gillard tussled for the lead on some fast reaches soon to be joined by Dan Rimmer who showed exceptional downwind speed, having rounded the windward mark in sixth place. Gillard established the lead on the gybe mark and soon opened up a 30 second lead. Northen caught Dan Rimmer and Raistrick, only to be luffed by Raistrick which allowed Dan Rimmer to secure second position followed by Raistrick. However, Northen allowed Whitehead to pass him on the final beat.

With four straight wins and the championship secured, Gillard elected not to sail the final race. This set up a 'battle royal' for the minor places between Raistrick, Northen, Dan Rimmer and Whitehead. Raistrick led around the windward mark followed by Rimmer, Northen, Lovell and Finbow. Whitehead was unfortunate to hit the committee boat at the start and therefore incurred a penalty which meant that he rounded in last place. Raistrick extended his lead which he looked like comfortably holding until the finish. Behind, Rimmer and Northen were battling for second – Northen was faster upwind, whilst Rimmer was faster downwind. On the final downwind set of legs Rimmer found extraordinary speed to pull back 75 yards on Raistrick which meant that they started the final beat neck and neck. A covering battle ensued which almost allowed the fast closing Northen and rejuvenated Whitehead to pass. At the finish it was Raistrick followed by Rimmer, Northen and Whitehead.

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List of Prizewinners.

Tate and Lyle National Championship Trophy	Alan Gillard	Sheffield Viking SC
Downs Cup	Alan Gillard	Sheffield Viking SC
Viking Trophy	Alan Gillard	Sheffield Viking SC
Ripon Horn	Alan Gillard	Sheffield Viking SC
Heron Salver	Alan Gillard	Sheffield Viking SC
Blackpool Bailer	Craig Raistrick	Pennine SC
Scaling Belle Cup	Not presented	
Under Trophy	Not presented	
Over Trophy	Peter Northen	Filey SC
Well Over Trophy	Allan Raistrick	Pennine SC
Past it Trophy	Peter Crooks	Filey SC
Altogether Shield		Filey SC
Cadzow Trophy (Concours d'Elegance Trophy)	Edward Whitehead	Filey SC

STREAKER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

FILEY 2000

FINAL POS.N	SAIL No.	HELM	CLUB	POINTS - RACE No.					TOTAL POINTS
				1	2	3	4	5	
1	1523	ALAN GILLARD	SHEFFIELD VIKING	1	1	1	1	DNC	4
2	1503	PETER NORTHEN	FILEY	3	3	4	5	3	13
3	1483	CRAIG RAISTRICK	PENNINE	6	4	RET	3	1	14
4	1525	EDWARD WHITEHEAD	FILEY	4	5	2	4	4	14
5	1500	DAN RIMMER	COVENHAM	5	DSQ	6	2	2	15
6	1488	NICK LOVELL	COVENHAM	11	7	3	6	6	22
7	1298	ROGER FINBOW	PENNINE	7	9	RET	7	5	28
8	1490	ALLAN RAISTRICK	PENNINE	8	6	7	8	7	28
9	1252	COLIN ALDRED	FILEY	RET	11	5	9	8	33
10	1037	PHILIP ROBINSON	FILEY	12	10	RET	10	9	41
11	1394	PAUL CROFTS	PENNINE	15	12	8	11	11	42
12	1516	MIKE RIMMER	COVENHAM	2	2	RET	DNC	DNC	50
13	444	PAUL WILLIS	FILEY	19	19	RET	12	10	60
14	1459	ALAN WARD	ULLEY	10	8	RET	DNC	DNC	64
15	1526	PETER CROOKS	FILEY	9	13	RET	RET	RET	68
16	1522	STEVE GENTRY	PENNINE	14	14	DNC	DNC	DNC	74
17	1497	STAN DUFTON	FILEY	13	16	DNC	DNC	DNC	75
18	1519	NORMAN CLEMINSON	FILEY	16	15	RET	DNC	DNC	77
19	1513	DAVID TRINDER	FILEY	17	18	DNC	DNC	DNC	81
20	1501	STUART ROBERTSON	BLACKPOOL & F	18	20	RET	DNC	DNC	84
21	1464	JULIAN GAUNT	PENNINE	DNC	17	DNC	DNC	DNC	86
22	1514	PETER MIALL	PENNINE	RET	21	DNC	DNC	DNC	90