

The National Championships – Lancing 2001.

In its 25th Anniversary year, the Streaker Class returned to its favourite Southern venue, Lancing SC for its National Championships on 30th June and 1st July.

As is customary for the Streaker Class when holding coastal championships the 31 competitors were greeted by a freshening force 5 and a big sea. Defending champion Alan Gillard (Sheffield Viking SC) was first away showing his mastery of the conditions and the rest a clean pair of heels. Gillard held his lead to the finish, however Dave Butler (Blackpool & Fleetwood LCC) demonstrated that the Streaker can accommodate a wide range of weights, and as the heaviest in the fleet, (17.5 stone – too much beer!!), powered through to take second place, even closing on Gillard towards the end of the race. Dave Butler was actually sailing a Cory composite!!!! He made me promise not to reveal this to the membership, but I couldn't resist!! In fact, Dave has recently sold a boat that he had in stock and taken the Cory in part exchange, and wanted to sail. Craig Palmer (Lancing SC) took third place followed by Dan Rimmer (Covenham SC).

Already, there had been several bent masts and breakages and the wind freshening to force 6 for Race 2. Again Gillard led around the windward mark followed by Palmer, Rimmer, Steve Garrett (Bexley SC) and Ian Whitfield (Tamworth SC). Again, Gillard extended his lead which he held to the finish with Palmer in second place followed by Rimmer.

Due to the strength of the wind and the amount of damage that had been caused to the fleet, the Race Officer postponed Race 3 until Sunday morning following Race 4 back to back. The conditions were perfect with sunshine, a force 4 and flatter sea. John Burgoine (Tamworth SC) was first around the windward mark followed by Gillard, Garrett and Rimmer. Burgoine lost out to Gillard on the run, and was soon passed by Rimmer with Whitfield also making good progress. Gillard extended his lead to the finish followed by Rimmer, Palmer and Alan Ward (Ulley SC).

In Race 4, the fleet was keen to get away, too keen in fact, which resulted in a general recall. At the second time of asking the fleet split in half, inland and out to sea. Burgoine again led around the windward mark followed by Gillard, Rimmer and Palmer. After an average start, Mike Rimmer (Covenham SC) was soon making rapid progress through the fleet. Gillard passed Burgoine and extended his lead to the finish. Burgoine took second followed by Mike Rimmer, who is making a name for himself by showing exceptional pace in only one race in a championship!!

With 4 wins, Gillard had already secured the championships with a race to spare and chose to sit out Race 5, however Dan Rimmer and Craig Palmer still had to battle for second place. The wind had now freshened to force 5 and Whitfield was the early leader. Dan Rimmer ruined his chances of taking second place following a mid race capsize, with Butler in a borrowed boat after bending his mast, tussling with Palmer for second. Palmer eventually secured second place overall followed by Butler and Alan Simmons (Lancing SC). Whitfield obviously went out to prove a point, as after counting fifth and fourth in the opening races, he finished fourth and fifth in the third and fourth races on the water. However, he was deemed not to have started as he did not sign on, therefore counting a thirty second place, his second place overall became tenth. Notable mention must also be given to Alan Simmons, who achieved fifth place overall, his best ever championship finish. Despite the fact he is normally in contention for the 'Well Over Trophy' (Over 55), this result meant that he won the 'Over Trophy' (Over 45).

The overall results demonstrated that with 20 year old plus boats in second, fourth and sixth places, well looked after older Streaker's remain competitive thus keeping the cost to a minimum of entering the fleet in a competitive boat. Also, following Dave Butler's startling pace at times, this proves that the Streaker takes a wide range of crew weights.

Finally, it is appropriate to mention that at the AGM, which followed the second race on Saturday. Ian Fletcher reported that the SCOA Chairman George Robinson had indicated that he wished to retire from his post. George has become known as 'Mr Streaker' and has been involved with the class for many years, as Class Secretary, Vice Chairman to Jack Holt and subsequently as Chairman. He has a vast amount of

knowledge of the class and will be missed. The members attending the AGM, in his absence, offered a huge thank-you to George for his contribution to the class over the years and this should be extended to the rest of the membership. Peter Crooks the class treasurer was duly elected as Chairman and possesses the necessary experience to lead the class into the future. Thanks George.
 Ian Fletcher (1332)

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	Ian Whitfield	Tamworth SC
Scaling Belle Cup	Zoe Meynell	Scaling Dam SC
Under Trophy	Not presented	
Over Trophy	Alan Ward	Ulley SC
Well Over Trophy	Alan Simmons	Lancing SC
Past it Trophy	Peter Crooks	Filey SC
Altogether Shield		Lancing SC
Cadzow Trophy (Concours d'Elegance Trophy)	Alan Gillard	Sheffield Viking SC

STREAKER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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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	32	4
2	1078	CRAIG PALMER	LANCING	3	2	3	5	2	10
3	1541	DAN RIMMER	COVENHAM	4	3	2	4	32	13
4	1084	STEVE GARRETT	BEXLEY	7	6	8	6	6	25
5	1499	ALAN SIMMONS	LANCING	11	5	7	10	4	26
6	2030	LIAM BEAMISH	LANCING	6	32	6	11	5	28
7	1321	ZOE MEYNELL	SCALING DAM	9	8	9	8	11	34
8	1459	ALAN WARD	ULLEY	10	32	4	14	9	37
9	1488	NICK LOVELL	COVENHAM	14	32	5	13	7	39
10	1446	IAN WHITFIELD	TAMWORTH	5	4	32	32	1	42
11	1309	STEVE LYNCH	LANCING	12	32	13	7	12	44
12	1483	ALLAN RAISTRICK	PENNINE	15	7	11	12	32	45
13	1526	PETER CROOKS	FILEY	13	9	15	15	32	52
14	1298	ROGER FINBOW	PENNINE	32	32	10	9	8	59
15	1450	DAVE BUTLER	BLACKPOOL LCC	2	32	32	32	3	69
16	1464	JULIAN GAUNT	PENNINE	32	32	12	17	10	71
17	1522	STEVE GENTRY	PENNINE	32	32	14	16	32	94
18	1528	JOHN BURGOINE	TAMWORTH	32	32	32	2	32	98
19	1542	MIKE RIMMER	COVENHAM	32	32	32	3	32	99
20	853	LEN BLANN	LANCING	32	32	16	19	32	99
21	1317	PAUL BURGOINE	TAMWORTH	8	32	32	32	32	104
22	1207	ROGER HORTON	LANCING	32	32	17	32	32	113
23	1419	MIKE SNOOK	LANCING	32	32	32	18	32	114
24	1032	PAT DITTON	LANCING	32	32	32	20	32	116
25	1386	FRANK SMITH	LANCING	32	32	32	21	32	117
26	199	DON ALLWRIGHT	LANCING	32	32	32	32	32	128
26	1168	IAN MANSFIELD	ARDLEIGH	32	32	32	32	32	128
26	1332	IAN FLETCHER	TOWY	32	32	32	32	32	128
26	1502	DAVID BLENKINSHIP	GLASSON	32	32	32	32	32	128