The National Championships – Scaling Dam 1991.

Scaling Dam SC, on the northern edge of the North York Moors, hosted this year's Championship meeting for the Streaker class on August $24^{th} - 25^{th}$. Despite the varying wind, the event proved most successful and was enjoyed by Streaker owners who travelled from all over the UK. An entry of 54 meant that the class broke the 50 barrier for the first time, being helped by a very good turnout from the home fleet.

The first race started with a westerly force 3-4 allowing for a long first beat the length of the lake, which provided a good opening to the meeting and a few naughty gusts at the clubhouse end added spice to the race. The large fleet got away first time with Peter Snowdon setting the early pace closely followed by Alan Gillard and his brother Chris with Andrew Norman also in contention. Alan Gillard soon showed his form and won the race with Norman and Snowdon taking second and third. Richard Plowright finishing fourth.

For the second race the wind had dropped to a force 2-3 and during the race started to swing to the north. After one general recall the race started. Increasingly flukey winds gave rise to many changes in positions in the middle fleet the windward leg changed to a fetch as the race progressed. George Robinson in his new boat 'Last of the Summer Wine' came from the back of the fleet to finish 10th. The early leader and eventual winner was Andrew Norman of the home fleet who sailed the tricky wind intelligently with Martin Cooper pushing Alan Gillard into third place and Jonathan Wood taking fourth spot.

Race 3 on Sunday morning the wind had returned to its original direction, and looked promising with a force 2. But after the 1st leg the wind disappeared. Positions changed according to the luck of the odd puffs which came over intermittently. This did not prevent Alan Gillard taking and maintaining the lead throughout, followed closely by Jonathan Wood. Many bumps were heard and 720's were done (and sometimes not done). The events 1st protest was registered and this resulted in Martin Cooper being disqualified (penalty not done at soonest opportunity). Bob Branch was the new face amongst the leaders, Branch eventually taking third following the disqualification of Martin.

During the lunch break the sea breeze came in from the east to every one's relief with a steady force 2 and the opportunity for a radical course change. Race 4 started with Chris Gillard taking the lead but, foul oaths notwithstanding, succumbed eventually to his brother Alan. The now familiar faces from the local club made up the places; Norman second, Cooper third and Peter Snowdon achieving fourth for his second good result.

With the sea breeze now veering to south-east and then south and then back again, the race officer had problems getting the fleet started. In a fit full force 2-3 breeze the final race started but with more of a fetch to the first mark as the breeze shifted once again. Pete Northen sprang into the lead; Pete had not been sailing to his usual form, however the wily Alan Gillard got through again to register his fourth win. Cooper and Norman took second and third, whilst Pete Northen kept it together to take fourth.

The home club therefore took the first three places with Alan Gillard the new champion. George Robinson (1406)

National Champion – Alan GillardScaling Dam SC.Under Trophy – Martin CooperScaling Dam SCOver Trophy – Richard PlowrightRipon SCWell Over Trophy – Bob BranchBanbury Cross SCScaling Belle (First Lady) – Angela FarmerMonklands SCConcours d'Elegance Trophy – George Robinson (1406) ScalingDam SCAltogether ShieldScaling Dam SCDowns Cup (1st Race) – Alan GillardScaling Dam SC

STREAKER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

SCALING DAM 1991

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FINAL						NTS - RACE			TOTAL
POS.N	SAIL No.		CLUB	1	2	3	4	5	POINTS
1		ALAN GILLARD	SCALING DAM	3/4	3	3/4	3/4	3/4	3
2		ANDREW NORMAN	SCALING DAM	2	3/4	14	2	3	7 3/4
3		MARTIN COOPER	SCALING DAM	5	2	57	3	2	12
4	1350	JONATHAN WOOD	HORBURY	10	4	2	10	6	22
5		PETER SNOWDON	SCALING DAM	3	12	13	4	5	24
6		RICHARD PLOWRIGHT	RIPON	4	5	7	11	9	25
7	1395	CHRIS GILLARD	SHEFFIELD VIKING	6	17	8	6	10	30
8	1402	DAVID SWORD	MONKLANDS	11	15	4	9	7	31
9	1313	BERNARD CLARK	RIPON	15	10	11	5	8	34
10	1405	SIMON CORY	DOWNS	7	18	5	20	17	47
11	1325	PETER NORTHEN	NORTH LINCS.	24	6	57	14	4	48
12	1406	GEORGE ROBINSON	SCALING DAM	13	10	19	15	12	50
13	1294	ANGELA FARMER	MONKLANDS	20	9	18	12	15	54
14	1384	ARTHUR KING	REDOUBT/DOWNS	56	7	22	16	11	56
15	No numb.	RICHARD BLOWMAN	NORTH LINCS.	41	16	6	23	14	59
16	1021	DAVID WRIGHT	SCALING DAM	28	24	9	13	16	62
17=	1095	NICK HUNT	SCALING DAM	17	20	17	26	13	67
17=	1354	BOB BRANCH	BANBURY CROSS	22	22	3	27	20	67
19	1312	IAN WHITFIELD	FILEY	12	30	10	25	21	68
20=	1359	DAMIAN ABBATT	HORBURY	18	13	16	30	23	70
20=	1298	ANDREW CHARMERS	RIPON	31	8	57	7	24	70
22=	1309	STEVE LYNCH	LANCING	19	14	26	18	27	77
22=	1356	RICHARD HESS	BROXBOURNE	14	19	12	32	33	77
24		STEPHEN HILL	GREEN WITHENS	21	23	33	19	19	82
25	1212	BILL NORMAN	SCALING DAM	9	29	34	17	29	84
26		JOHN TATE	SCALING DAM	8	26	29	29	25	88
27		GAVIN KUHNEL	ROTHERHAM	27	34	24	28	18	97
28=		STEVEN GARRETT	BEXLEY	26	32	15	33	26	99
28=		ZOE MEYNELL	SCALING DAM	33	36	23	21	22	99
30		ROY GARRETT	BEXLEY	30	35	21	22	58	108
31		DAVID FARMER	MONKLANDS	56	25	20	8	56	100
32		GUY PREST	SCALING DAM	36	23	25	36	28	110
33		DAVE BUTLER	BLACKPOOL LC	16	39	30	43	56	128
				37	33	28	58		
34 35		RAY ARNOLD MICHAEL BROWN		58	28	42	34	31 32	129
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36			HORBURY	23	27	57	31	56	137
37				40	37	31	37	42	145
38		COLIN YATES	SCALING DAM	25	31	57	35	58	148
39		PETER CROOKS	FILEY	32	44	39	41	38	150
40				29	50	36	49	37	151
41				58	51	41	24	36	152
42			BEXLEY	34	43	37	39	58	153
43			SCALING DAM	39	40	38	38	39	154
44			SCALING DAM	58	58	27	44	30	159
45		ROGER WILKINSON	FILEY	35	41	45	40	58	161
46=		ISABEL McKENZIE	STRATHCLYDE LOCH	43	46	43	42	35	163
46=		ROBERT COMER	BLACKPOOL LC	56	47	32	50	34	163
48		CHRIS HILL	BLACKPOOL LC	58	38	40	47	40	165
49	847	TONY BELL	FILEY	38	45	46	45	58	174
50	1103	DARREN MIDDLETON	BLACKPOOL LC	56	42	35	46	58	179
51=	749	GRAHAM WING	SCALING DAM	56	49	44	51	41	185
51=	1216	ERIC BROWN	SCALING DAM	42	48	47	48	58	185
53	1189	JANE MAUGHAN	SCALING DAM	44	52	48	52	58	196
54	1343	NEIL HOPKINS	HAWLEY LAKE	56	58	58	58	58	230
55	1297	VERNON PENKETH	RIPON	58	58	58	58	58	232