

The National Championships – Hampton Pier 1979.

The Streaker National Championship took place over the weekend of 8th and 9th September. A most enjoyable event was very efficiently run by Hampton Pier Yacht Club at Herne Bay.

32 entries were received, four more than last year, and 31 boats started.

The Practice Race was held on Saturday morning, over a triangular course in a light south-westerly breeze, the race eventually being won by F.P.Catt sailing 'Thumper' N^o. 862 from Downs Sailing Club, further along the coast.

The Championship proper started on the Saturday afternoon when the first of the three races was sailed, the best two results to count. The wind had freshened and there was a small sea running. Thumper again led at the weather mark but last year's champion, A. Linton-Smith of Ranelagh Sailing Club, sailing N^o. 867 'The Altogether', came through into the lead which he held to the end of the race.

The second Championship race on Sunday morning was started in a light south-westerly wind. Both F.P.Catt and A. Linton-Smith made good starts and went into the lead, so that it appeared that the Championship was likely to lie between these two. In the end 867 opened up an increasing lead and finished first with 862 second, giving the Championship for the second time to Arran Linton-Smith in 'The Altogether'.

The third race was in a rapidly falling light north-easterly wind, and D. Wilcox of West Riding Sailing Club, who had come all the way from Yorkshire for the Championship soon went into the lead in N^o. 442, followed by M Foyster of Hickling Broad Sailing Club in Norfolk in N^o. 1013 'Starkers', and followed in third place by the Champion who had a bad start and worked through the fleet. D.Wilcox worked out an increasing lead, with a batch of three boats, 867, 1013 and R.Rata of Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club in N^o. 764 battling it out for the next places. N^o. 764 finally passed 867 just before the finishing line to take the second place.

Results.

1 st	867	A. Linton-Smith	The Altogether	Ranelagh S.C
2 nd	862	F. P. Catt	Thumper	Downs S.C
3 rd	442	D. Wilcox	Little Gem	West Riding S.C
4 th	764	R. Rata		Bristol Cor.
Y.C				
5 th	475	P. Bradshaw	Niftee	Hampton Pier Y.C.