

The National Championships – Grafham Water 1992

A new venue and 40 entries augured well for the 1992 Nationals. A splendid turnout as always from those from foreign shores (Jersey and Scotland). And what a luxury to sail on such a large expanse of water! NO WEED, NO TIDES.

Our delight at these conditions turned to disappointment when the wind dropped away after the start of the first race at 12:00 noon on Saturday. Two and a half hours later a long, hot drifter of a race came to an end. Alan Gillard was the winner, followed by Simon Cory. Further racing was abandoned for the rest of Saturday.

Sunday morning promised to be depressingly similar and almost was. After a light breeze for race 2, it became another long, hot, drifter. Some of the more impatient sailors actually gave up! Alan Gillard was the winner, followed by Harry Pragnell.

And then came the wind – during lunch! We sat there thinking – will it last? It almost didn't but we got out for a start around 2:00pm in a reasonable force 2, gusting 3. at least this was sailing, with plenty of good wind shifts for those who knew what to do with them. Alan Gillard won again with Paul Howard of Priory SC second.

Race 4 followed back to back in similar conditions. Simon Cory took this one, Alan Gillard having retired, and Bernard Clark of Ripon SC was second.

Vernon Penketh (1395)

National Champion – Alan Gillard	Scaling Dam SC.
Under Trophy – Patrick Denby	Downs SC
Over Trophy – Richard Plowright	Ripon SC
Well Over Trophy – Harry Pragnell	Priory SC
Scaling Belle (First Lady) – Heather Speller	St. Catherine's YC
Concours d'Elegance Trophy – George Robinson (1406)	Scaling Dam SC
Altogether Shield	Scaling Dam SC
Downs Cup (1 st Race) – Alan Gillard	Scaling Dam SC

STREAKER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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FINAL POS.N	SAIL No.	HELM	CLUB	POINTS - RACE No.				TOTAL POINTS
				1	2	3	4	
1	1351	A GILLARD	SCALING DAM	1	1	1	RET	2.25
2	1132	P HOWARD	PRIORY	3	6	2	5	10
3	1350	H PRAGNELL	PRIORY	5	2	3	23	10
4	1420	S CORY	DOWNNS	2	13	10	1	12.75
5	1313	B CLARK	RIPON	6	7	7	2	15
6	1325	P NORTHEN	NORTH LINCS.	7	3	5	8	15
7	1296	F CATT	DOWNNS	9	10	9	4	22
8	1402	D SWORD	MONKLANDS	20	4	6	13	23
9	1380	H SPELLER	ST. CATHERINE'S	10	12	14	3	25
10	1021	D WRIGHT	SCALING DAM	13	RET	8	6	27
11	1356	R HESS	BROXBOURNE	4	8	17	19	29
12	1312	I WHITFIELD	FILEY	18	5	12	14	31
13	1084	S GARRETT	BEXLEY	21	11	4	18	33
14	1309	S LYNCH	LANCING	16	9	15	11	35
15	1321	R PLOWRIGHT	RIPON	12	17	16	7	35
16	1400	R BUCHANAN	ST. CATHERINE'S	19	18	13	9	40
17	1354	B BRANCH	BANBURY CROSS	11	20	11	20	42
18	1395	V PENKETH	RIPON	15	15	29	17	47
19	1404	R GARRETT	BEXLEY	22	19	18	10	47
20	1393	P NOBLE	MONKLANDS	24	14	19	16	49
21	1310	J TATE	SCALING DAM	17	26	21	12	50
22	1377	M PILLINGER	TAMWORTH	14	16	23	28	53
23	1361	P DENBY	DOWNNS	8	25	24	22	54
24	1281	F Le BROCCQ	ST. CATHERINE'S	RET	24	22	15	61
25	1406	G ROBINSON	SCALING DAM	23	21	20	DNS	64
26	1378	A NEWCOMBE	ST. CATHERINE'S	28	22	27	21	70
27	1392	J BUCK	BEXLEY	26	23	33	25	74
28	1397	A SIMMONS	LANCING	25	27	26	24	75
29	1418	D BUTLER	BLACKPOOL LC	27	29	31	26	82
30	305	D MOORE	ELTON	31	33	28	30	89
31	1360	P CROOKS	FILEY	30	30	32	DNS	92
32	178	K FITZSIMMONS	BEXLEY	RET	32	34	27	93
33	196	C HILL	BLACKPOOL LC	RET	34	35	29	98
34	1106	D MIDDLETON	BLACKPOOL LC	32	RET	25	DNS	98
35	246	S KING	BLACKPOOL LC	RET	28	30	DNS	99
36	1405	R FRENCH	MAIDSTONE	29	31	DNS	DNS	103
37	284	C CHAPMAN	BLACKPOOL LC	RET	DNS	DNS	DNS	127
38	1334	R COMER	BLACKPOOL LC	RET	DNS	DNS	DNS	127
39	1410	G NEWBURY	RANELAGH	RET	DNS	DNS	DNS	127