

The National Championships – Lancing 1993

41 Streaker's turned up at Lancing SC for the Nationals held over the weekend of 26th/27th June. The home club provided 13 entries and no less than six travelled from Blackpool – a very good effort for such a small fleet.

Race 1. On arrival on Saturday morning the competitors were greeted by a pleasant force 2 – however the arrival of the sea breeze just before the start changed matters considerably. The wind built to a force 5 with gust up to force 6 accompanied by large waves. The result was pretty disastrous with only 12 boats finishing the race and a total of nine masts broken or bent. Alan Gillard won by a huge margin although he was pressed hard by Richard Plowright for two and a half laps – Plowright then decided that it was time he had a little swim, leaving second place to Dave Butler. Ian Whitfield and Simon Cory sailed steadily for third and fourth places while the sea was scattered with capsized and broken boats leaving the rescue services to cope with the general mayhem.

As the wind and waves increased even further it was decided that further racing was pointless so the AGM was held in the afternoon – report of this is to be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Race 2. In contrast, Sunday dawned with a gentle force 2 with flat sea for the first race. Plowright arrived at the first mark in the lead pursued by Gillard and Peter Northen. Gillard attempted to pass Plowright to windward but was luffed violently to the delight of Northen! Gillard solved the problem by sailing through Plowright's lee and appeared to have the race in the bag. However, Simon Cory was revelling in the conditions, gradually chipping away at the boats in front and passing Gillard on the second beat. The final result was Cory, Gillard, Northen with Plowright, Richard Buchanan and Bernard Clark in the next three places.

Race 3. The next race was enlivened by the arrival of the sea breeze as the leaders were half way down the first reach. Gillard spotted the impending wind shift and established a huge lead. Cory meanwhile, was involved in a monumental battle with Stephen Garrett which he won by just one second at the finish. This was a good race for Garrett as he bent the mast on his boat (borrowed from his farther!!!) in the previous race but managed to straighten it over night. Northen was fourth, Andrew Charmers fifth and Plowright sixth.

Race 4. The final race was held in a force 4 – 5 with a moderate sea. Once again Gillard took the lead and won easily. He was followed home by Northen, Butler, Cory, Buchanan and Plowright.

The Championship Prizes. – The final result showed a clear win (again) for Alan Gillard who has now collected his fourth Nationals win.

The other results show Heather Speller taking the Scaling Belle Cup for the second year, the Cadzow Trophy going to Dave Butler for his very pretty self-build boat, the Under Trophy going to Nicola White (anew member from Downs SC), the Over Trophy to Richard Plowright for the fourth year running and the Well Over Trophy to Alan Simmons of the home club. The Altogether Shield was finally prized from the grip of Scaling Dam by Ripon SC with positions of 4th, 9th and 10th for their three boats.

It only remains for me to thank the hosts of Lancing SC for the supreme effort that they made to run this championship. Their beach party was excellent, their race organisation impeccable, their courses excellent considering the conditions and their catering superb. Most of all we were made to feel really wanted – nothing was considered too much trouble. Well done Lancing – I can see why you are the best dinghy club in your area.

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List of Prizewinners.

Tate and Lyle National Championship Trophy	Alan Gillard	Scaling Dam SC
Downs Cup	Alan Gillard	Scaling Dam SC
Scaling Belle Cup	Heather Speller	St. Catherines SC
Under Trophy	Nicola White	Downs SC
Over Trophy	Richard Plowright	Ripon SC
Well Over Trophy	Alan Simmons	Lancing SC
Altogether Shield		Ripon SC
Cadzow Trophy (Concours d'Elegance Trophy)	Dave Butler	Blackpool LCC

STREAKER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

LANCING SC 1993

FINAL POS.N	SAIL No.	HELM	CLUB	POINTS - RACE No.				TOTAL POINTS
				1	2	3	4	
1	1424	A GILLARD	SCALING DAM	1	2	1	1	2.25
2	1420	S CORY	DOWNS	4	1	2	4	6.75
3	1325	P NORTHEN	FILEY	RTD	3	4	2	9
4	1321	R PLOWRIGHT	RIPON	5	4	6	6	15
5	1418	D BUTLER	BLACKPOOL LC	2	10	14	3	15
6	1400	R BUCHANAN	ST. CATHERINE'S	6	5	9	5	16
7	1312	I WHITFIELD	FILEY	3	7	13	8	18
8	1404	S GARRETT	BEXLEY	RTD	9	3	9	21
9	1313	B CLARK	RIPON	RTD	6	7	10	23
10	1297	A CHALMERS	RIPON	8	13	5	12	25
11	1380	H SPELLER	ST. CATHERINE'S	9	8	10	14	27
12	1402	D SWORD	MONKLANDS	RTD	18	8	7	33
13	1309	S LYNCH	LANCING	7	17	17	13	37
14	1397	A SIMMONS	LANCING	RTD	12	15	11	38
15	1358	N WHITE	DOWNS	RTD	14	12	21	47
16	1378	A NEWCOMBE	ST. CATHERINE'S	12	36	16	20	48
17	246	S KING	BLACKPOOL LC	11	23	35	15	49
18	2030	K MYNARD	LANCING	RTD	15	23	18	56
19	1410	G NEWBURY	LANCING	RTD	20	21	17	58
20	1130	J HORTON	YEADON	10	27	28	29	65
21	1360	P CROOKS	FILEY	RTD	16	30	19	65
22	1406	G ROBINSON	SCALING DAM	DNS	11	11	RTD	70
23	977	M HATELEY	BEXLEY	RTD	25	24	25	74
24	1103	D MIDDLETON	BLACKPOOL LC	RTD	24	22	28	74
25	1365	J BISHOP	LANCING	RTD	19	26	30	75
26	1425	R WILES	HAWLEY LAKE	DNS	26	18	31	75
27	1032	P DITTON	LANCING	RTD	33	25	24	82
28	1087	R HALL	STUBBERS	RTD	31	31	22	84
29	234	C CHAPMAN	BLACKPOOL LC	RTD	21	32	32	85
30	1125	L BEAMISH	LANCING	RTD	32	34	23	89
31	120	R HORTON	LANCING	RTD	30	37	26	93
32	1386	F SMITH	LANCING	DNS	38	39	16	93
33	978	J TABER	BEXLEY	RTD	28	19	RTD	95
34	853	A SUMMERS	LANCING	RTD	DNS	20	27	95
35	1419	M SNOOK	LANCING	RTD	22	27	RTD	97
36	1394	J WEBB	BURGHFIELD	RTD	35	33	33	101
37	196	C HILL	BLACKPOOL LC	RTD	39	36	34	109
38	199	D ALLWRIGHT	LANCING	DNS	34	29	RTD	111
39	866	B RENNIE	NEWARK ARGONAUTS	DNS	29	38	DNS	117
40	1334	M JUDD	BLACKPOOL LC	DNS	37	41	RTD	126
41	1385	J TAYLOR	LANCING	RTD	40	40	RTD	128