

The National Championships – Bough Beech 1999.

Bough Beech Sailing Club hosted the 1999 Streaker National Championships which were held over the weekend of 3/4th July. As things got underway, competitors were greeted by a south westerly force 3-4, providing ideal conditions for the thirty seven boat fleet.

Defending champion Glen Truswell (Beaver SC) set the early pace up the first beat taking the starboard side of the course. However, it was Mike Rimmer (Covenham SC) in his brand new Butler boat who took the other side of the beat to lead around the windward mark followed by Peter Northen (Filey SC), Truswell and Alan Gillard (Beaver SC). A luffing battle soon took place downwind between Northen and Truswell which allowed Gillard to pass to leeward. Rimmer then proceeded to sail toward the wrong mark which allowed Gillard to take the lead. Places changed frequently with Rimmer taking second place followed by Rob Nettleton (Beaver SC), Truswell and Dan Rimmer (Covenham SC). The next beat saw Dan Rimmer sail into second as Gillard extended his lead which he held until the final lap when he sailed into a hole whilst Truswell, 50 yards behind planed past him to take the lead which he held to the finish from Gillard. A little further back the main bunch fought for the minor placings, which ultimately saw Mike Rimmer in third followed by Dan Rimmer, Nettleton and Northen.

The start of race two saw the fleet split equally between the port and starboard sides of the course. The port side was favoured which saw Steve Garrett (Bexley SC) lead around the windward mark followed by Martin Sowerby (Scaling Dam SC), Truswell and Mike Rimmer. By now the wind had increased to force 4-5 and Truswell showed his mastery of the conditions to establish a commanding lead. Behind Rimmer took second place, whilst Gillard, recovering from a poor start passed Garrett on the final beat. These two were followed by John Tate (Scaling Dam SC) and Alistair Banks (Beaver SC). Nettleton capsized 10 yards from the finish line whilst in fourth place and dropped to seventh.

Banks tacked quickly onto port in race three followed by Truswell, whilst Northen took the other side of the beat. Truswell led around the windward mark pursued by Northen, Banks, Sowerby and Ian Whitfield (Tamworth SC). The course consisted of two very broad downwind legs which did not allow much place changing in the fresh conditions. Truswell extended his lead, before Northen took advantage of a big lift on the second beat to close the gap on Truswell, however the superior downwind speed of Truswell soon saw him extend his lead again which he extended to one minute from Northen at the finish. Behind these two, Mike Rimmer took third closely followed by Tate, Whitfield and Nick Lovell (Covenham SC).

As Sunday dawned, competitors were greeted to contrasting conditions to the previous day with a shifty force 1-2 south westerly which provided a true test of ability of all conditions over the two days. Truswell and Gillard were quickly away from the line on port tack, whilst Northen and Mike Rimmer took the other side of the beat. Truswell led around the windward mark pursued by Gillard, Northen and Geoff Town (Broxbourne SC) and Richard Smale (Chichester YC). In the light conditions there were few place changes during the race which saw Truswell take line honours and secure his second championship with a race to spare. He was followed by Gillard, Northen, Mike Rimmer, Nettleton and Town.

The start of race five saw the first general recall of the weekend. When the fleet finally got away the wind had increased to force 2 and it was Gillard who showed early pace. He led around the windward mark closely followed by Truswell, Northen, Whitfield, Banks and Roger Finbow (Pennine SC). Gillard and Truswell tussled downwind and onto the next beat which saw Truswell tack off to break Gillard's cover. However, it was Northen who took advantage of this tussle and

the benefit of a big lift to take second place. Gillard extended his lead and Truswell overtook Northen on the next beat. These positions were held to the finish and behind Northen, Nettleton took fourth followed by Finbow and Sowerby.

Truswell therefore secured his second championships, with Gillard second and Mike Rimmer third.

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List of Prize-winners.

Tate and Lyle National Championship Trophy	Glen Truswell	Beaver SC
Downs Cup	Glen Truswell	Beaver SC
Viking Trophy	Glen Truswell	Beaver SC
Ripon Horn	Glen Truswell	Beaver SC
Heron Salver	Glen Truswell	Beaver SC
Blackpool Bailer	Alan Gillard	Beaver SC
Scaling Belle Cup	Heather Speller	St Catherines SC
Under Trophy	Simon Everitt	Covenham SC
Over Trophy	Mike Rimmer	Covenham SC
Well Over Trophy	Allan Raistrick	Pennine SC
Altogether Shield		Beaver SC
Cadzow Trophy (Concours d'Elegance Trophy)	Tony Newcombe	St Catherines 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	1503	GLEN TRUSWELL	BEAVER	1	1	1	1	2	4
2	1508	ALAN GILLARD	BEAVER	2	3	8	2	1	8
3	1516	MIKE RIMMER	COVENHAM	3	2	3	4	37	12
4	1504	PETER NORTHEN	FILEY	6	11	2	3	3	14
5	1500	DAN RIMMER	COVENHAM	4	8	9	9	7	28
6	1464	ROBERT NETTLETON	BEAVER	5	7	14	37	4	30
7	1084	STEVEN GARRETT	BEXLEY	8	4	10	11	10	32
8		MARTIN SOWERBY	SCALING DAM	10	13	21	7	6	36
9	1446	IAN WHITFIELD	TAMWORTH	7	37	5	17	8	37
10	1298	ROGER FINBOW	PENNINE	18	9	13	10	5	37
11	1418	ALISTAIR BANKS	BEAVER	15	6	7	30	9	37
12	1488	NICK LOVELL	COVENHAM	13	12	6	8	19	39
13	1310	JOHN TATE	SCALING DAM	9	5	4	24	25	42
14	1480	RUSS HALL	BROXBORNE	12	15	11	23	12	50
15	2030	LIAM BEAMISH	LANCING	14	14	17	19	15	60
16	1483	ALAN RAISTRICK	PENNINE	11	21	15	14	22	61
17	1380	HEATHER SPELLER	ST CATHERINES	22	16	31	15	16	69
18	1052	STEVE HAMBLIN	BEXLEY	17	17	18	22	17	69
19	1468	RICHARD SMALE	CHICHESTER	23	28	28	5	14	70
20	1489	TONY NEWCOMBE	ST CATHERINES	27	10	12	37	23	72
21	1309	STEVE LYNCH	LANCING	21	22	25	18	11	72
22	1354	GEOFF TOWN	BROXBORNE	25	37	30	6	13	74
23	1321	ZOE MEYNELL	SCALING DAM	20	18	20	25	18	76
24	1496	KEITH MANSFIELD	COVENHAM	16	19	16	37	31	82
25	1501	JOHN LANCASTER	BURGHFIELD	19	37	27	21	21	88
26	1360	PETER CROOKS	FILEY	24	29	26	13	30	92
27	1499	ALAN SIMMONS	LANCING	26	20	19	27	34	92
28	1213	FRANK HAMBLIN	BEXLEY	33	27	22	20	26	95
29	1017	SIMON EVERITT	COVENHAM	29	37	24	29	20	102
30	1449	MAC HATELEY	BEXLEY	28	23	23	28	35	102
31	325	EDDIE LOCKYER	BEXLEY	34	30	37	12	28	104
32	1294	JEREMY DANIELL	DOWNNS	30	25	37	31	27	113
33	1404	ROY GARRETT	BEXLEY	37	37	37	16	24	114
34	501	JAMES WALKER	COVENHAM	32	26	32	26	32	116
35	1087	PAUL PIKE	COVENHAM	37	31	29	32	29	121
36	1515	G BROWNING	REDOUBT	31	24	37	37	33	125