

Scaling Dam SC Streaker Open Race Report

A fleet of 9 Streakers, including visitors from Ripon, Tees & Hartlepool and Beaver SC arrived at the club on Saturday morning to find blazing sunshine but very little wind. The competitors briefing was held on schedule and racing postponed in the hope that conditions would improve.



After an early lunch the fleet launched in the hope of getting the first start away at 1 o'clock. Unfortunately half way through the start sequence the wind dropped to nothing again, so the AP went up and the fleet drifted in circles for a while until the breeze filled back in from another direction. After a quick repositioning of the committee boat the first race got away on a small triangular course.



The travelling boats all had good starts but Martin Penty (Beaver SC) made the most of the light and shifty conditions, chased hard by Ian Priest (Scaling Dam SC), Peter Kitchen (Tees & Hartlepool YC) and Richard Eagland (Ripon SC), while from the home fleet Phil Brining has an unscheduled stop for some urgent boat maintenance.

As the wind seemed to be more settled the race committee changed and extended the course for the second race. Richard managed to pull off a mid-line port hand start without incident, but this was not enough to stop Martin getting away to claim a second win, this time followed by a Scaling Dam trio of Zoe Meynell, John Tate and Ian.



After a very brief break and another course re-set the third race went off with a slightly depleted Streaker fleet. Martin again established a clear lead, while the chasing pack of Ian, Zoe, John, Alun and Peter swapped places several times around the course finishing with Zoe in 2nd and Peter in 3rd.

1st Streaker: Martin Penty (Beaver SC)

2nd Streaker: Zoe Meynell (SDSC)

3rd Streaker: Ian Priest (SDSC)

4th Streaker: Peter Kitchen (Tees & Hartlepool YC)

Streaker Association Burgee: John Tate (SDSC)



Many thanks go to Ian Holden as Race Officer and his assistants on the committee boat Jon Pearce and Tony Priest and to Ian Thompson on the rescue boat. Thanks also to Hazel Meynell in the galley for keeping everyone well fed. We hope to see you all again next year.