

2017 Streaker Open Meeting Report - Welton Sailing Club

Four visitors attended this event at Welton SC on 9th July along with nine members of the home club to make a reasonably sized fleet of 13 boats, sailing in light winds of F2 to F3 but of highly variable direction. Shifts of 40 ° left and right were recorded during the first race. There were to be three races during the day, with the best two to count.

In the first race Dave Butler (1618 - Welton) got a good start but Ian Priest (1933 – Scaling Dam) was a bit too enthusiastic and being over the line early, he had to restart. At the first mark it was Dave Butler first, Dave Smith (1888 – Welton) second and Peter Kitchen (1616 – Tees and Hartlepool) third. They held these positions to the end of the first lap but Dave Smith and Dave Butler had changed places by the end of the second lap and Dave Smith held the lead to the end of the race, with Peter Kitchen maintaining third place.



After lunch (chicken Italiane with new potatoes and garden peas followed by strawberry meringue) the racing continued in conditions very similar to those of the morning session.

Race two was a visitors' triumph. I have no details of any incidents or any intermediate positions but Ian Priest, having got a good start this time led the fleet with Richard Brameld (794 – Welton) establishing and holding on to second place and Dave Smith in third place. Ian Bradley (1817 – Ouse) was in fourth place in the early stages but managed to overtake Dave Smith to finish the race in third place, pushing Dave into fourth at the finish.



The course for race 3 was a triangle-windward-leeward course with the wind again varying between F2 and F3. Big shifts in direction were noted, particularly on the second beat. Ian Priest got a good start again but by the second lap Dave Smith was in the lead and Ian was now well down in the pack. Richard England (1970 – Ripon) appears to have put on a spurt as he was first over the finish line, with Dave Smith coming in second and Ian Bradley third.

In the final analysis Dave Smith was first overall, with Ian Priest second and Dave Butler third. The day was a great success with excellent and challenging sailing and great facilities and food provided by the home club. Many thanks to all who took part.

