

Lasers at Longham.

Well lads the good news is that they have filled our lake, well very nearly but, and yes there is a definite but! The weed factor is still an unknown quantity?

So advance ten squares and here we are at the new Longham reservoir where we can sail on certain days under strict regulations. The responsible officer to day being non other than our Commodore Peter Wiles who not only set the course but also launched and recovered one's boat. (*Waders are the general requirement*).

The trial sailing today had eleven skippers signing on including a guest skipper by the name of Laurie Draper 767 who is used to sailing at Gosport, although only ten actually sailed as one skipper withdrew, there being no place for him to walk backwards and fall into the lake, and if he forgot to switch on! Well it's a long, long way across that lake, just ask Simon Lawson who lost control in race six and that was his day done. Derek King had ruder problems return leaving him on the bank for the first four races while Oliver Miles once again ran out of juice on his spectrum transmitter and retired for the last two.

On the plus side, Simon Lawson opened the sailing with a fine win while others got lost on the course, Andy Cake had the icing on his - gaining four firsts, three seconds, a third and a fifth while having a ding dong with our guest skipper scoring six seconds and three fourths with Peter Pritchard & Roy Cane giving them chase both scoring two first.

The results follow,

Helm	Sail	Score	Place	Remarks
Andy Cake	107	10	1 st	after two discards
Laurie Draper	67	16	2 nd	
Peter Pritchard	34	18	3 rd	
Roy Cane	85	30	4 th	
Barrie Moore	62	36	5 th	
Oliver Miles	699	41	6 th	
Roy Owers	55	44	7 th	
Simon Lawson	637	48	8 th	
Steven Ticehurst	58	52	9 th	
Derek King	82	56	10 th	

Laser Class Captain,

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