

UK RC Laser Association TT Rd 1 Race Report

Poole Radio Yacht Club was a fine setting for the opening round of the UK RC Laser Association Travellers Trophy Series of races, these events cover the country with eight rounds from Fleetwood to Eastbourne, Keighley to Gosport culminating this year at the Lincoln MYC under the control of Derek Warriner.

Sunday the 14th March was also Mothering Sunday, which may well have accounted for less entrants than expected. However eighteen were on the cards some travelling up several hours from the midlands, east and west of the country with seventeen finally booking on for the first event of this year's series of races

The day was sunny and bright, if a tad cool with a rather fresh northerly, Peter Wiles the race officer set a challenging lengthy course with no changes necessary during the entire twelve races, apart that is from fine tuning of the start line mainly to avoid the dreaded weed of which most skippers had their - - - fair share? This is now being dragged out as I write by a floating paddle driven machine. (See photo).

The first couple of races saw the `B` rig prominent then the `C` rig got a look in by those who wanted an easier controlled passage on the far down wind leg in the gusts. The first race of the day went to Simon Clark from the Cotswolds chased by Tim Davidson of Gosport and the eventual winner of the day Dave Fowler of Kinksmill. Tim promptly won the next race with Dave and local man Peter Smith hot on his transom. Dave Edwards of Gosport took race three followed by Tim and Adrian Tomlinson from RTYC; during this race John Trimmer suffered a switch failure replaced at great expense by our treasurer, thank you John Park.

After a short break Dave Fowler stamped his mark on the event by winning the next three races on the trot with Dave Offiler getting a second in race five and a lunch break taken after race six.

Back on the water the next three races had three different winners, Simon Clark, Peter Smith & Dave Fowler, as did the final three with Simon Clark, Dave Edwards and Dave Fowler. The number of both boats & skippers had slowly dropped by the shoreline with only twelve coming to the line for the last race.

With the results declared our treasurer and membership secretary did the honours by presenting the winner with his trophy, this was followed by a round of thanks for the organising Poole member's and in particular for the canteen ladies.

John Trimmer GBR 26 17/03/10.