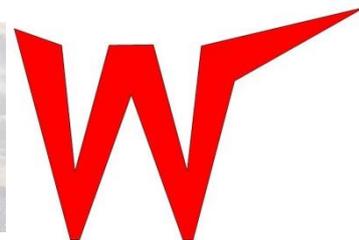




Datchet Water Sailing Club



Wayfarer Southern Area Championships

9th & 10th September 2017

W Fleet

Sailed: 6, Discards: 2, To count: 4, Entries: 10, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	Class	SailNo	Club	HelmName	CrewName	Rating	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett
1st	W	WAYFARER	11067		Len Jones	Jamie Lea	1102	(1.0)	1.0	1.0	(2.0)	1.0	1.0	7.0	4.0
2nd	W	WAYFARER	11093	DWSC	Andrew Wilson	Tom Wilson	1102	(2.0)	(2.0)	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	11.0	7.0
3rd	W	WAYFARER	11012		Tim Townsend	Jacqueline Townsend	1102	(6.0)	3.0	3.0	4.0	(6.0)	3.0	25.0	13.0
4th	W	WAYFARER	10828	DWSC	Derek Lambert	Oliver Gore Lawrenson	1102	3.0	4.0	4.0	(7.0)	3.0	(7.0)	28.0	14.0
5th	W	WAYFARER	10921	DWSC	Tony Cooper	Neil Hume	1102	4.0	(5.0)	(6.0)	3.0	4.0	5.0	27.0	16.0
6th	W	WAYFARER	10984	DWSC	Nick Harris	Luke Howells	1102	(7.0)	(6.0)	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	34.0	21.0
7th	W	WAYFARER	11189		Nigel O'Donnell	Michael O'Donnell	1102	5.0	7.0	(8.0)	(8.0)	8.0	4.0	40.0	24.0
8th	W	WAYFARER	9416	DWSC	Scott Hamilton	Bob Maddex	1102	(8.0)	(8.0)	7.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	44.0	28.0
9th	W	WAYFARER	8454	DWSC	Matthew Hodges	Laura Hodges	1102	9.0	9.0	(11.0 DNC)	9.0	(10.0)	9.0	57.0	36.0
10th	W	WAYFARER	1	DWSC	Simon Etter	Sue Risbridger	1102	(11.0 DNC)	(11.0 DNC)	11.0 DNC	10.0	9.0	10.0	62.0	40.0

Congratulations to Len Jones and Jamie Lea visiting from Medway Sailing Club, for winning the Wayfarer Southern Area Championships 2017. As you can see from the results, some commanding sailing all weekend earned a well-deserved win. Hot on their heels were DWSC's very own father and son pair Andrew and Tom Wilson in Restless. Third place went to the husband and wife pair of Tim and Jacqueline Townsend visiting from Bow Beech Sailing Club.

Day 1

High spirits and a strong DWSC turn out greeted the visiting boats whilst rigging and fine tuning. Scott showing us all how to change a main halyard, with great skill and precision in the carpark, without using the 1st floor balcony, which many of the visitors explained was the best way. With quite a spectator crowd he eventually managed.

With the water down, the Wayfarers clubbed together with the help of Brunel students and other members to get everyone safely and efficiently launched.

Race 1 with some difficult shifty wind saw the Wayfarers get to grip with the days task ahead. Len and Jamie plus the Wilsons pulled ahead early and by the final lap had a good lead on the rest of the fleet. Not far behind them with some fine sailing were Derek and Oliver beating Tony and Neil into third place.

Race 2 saw the left side definitely favoured and another clear start saw the race get underway, only for the wind to die slightly. Len and Jamie rounded the windward mark closely followed by Derek and Oliver and the Wilsons plus Tim and Jacqueline. The DWSC Wayfarer Nutcracker was stamping its mark as a contender. With the wind fluctuating in strength, places shifted and saw Len and Jamie take the win with the Wilsons coming in second and Tim and Jacqueline third, just pipping Dereck and Oliver.

Race 3 saw the wind built slightly to make a faster last race of the day and the eventual finish mirrored the previous race with Derek and Oliver beating Tony and Neil in all three races. Well done Derek and Oliver for a fine days Sailing finishing second behind the Wilsons in the battle of the DWSC fleet. A special well done goes Matthew Hodges who had his young daughter Laura crewing for the day and they held their own keeping well in the fleet.

Boats heading in were greeted by Tristan in the Jeep helping to provide a quick extraction for all the boats so that crews could debrief about their day over a drink in the bar.

Day 2

With the fleet increasing by one with inclusion of Simon and Sue in the club Wayfarer and the promise of wind, the Wayfarers made their way to the far side of the reservoir to provide room for club racing, changing the laps to a T4.

Race1

Early on it was clear the right side favoured, but a smaller course made for much tighter racing. The race was eventually won by the Wilsons pipping Len and Jamie. Tony and Neil came in third. This race also saw our first swimmers of the weekend with Nigel and Michael O'Donnell taking a dive after the gybe but with a quick righting they did not lose too many positions.

Race 2

With Len and Jamie and the Wilsons taking a commanding lead, the hard fought battle for third was between Derek and Oliver and Neil and Tony. Neil and Tony snuck in at the windward mark but lost out to Derek and Oliver on the final run. The cause was spinnaker malfunctions with the spinnaker halyard looking more like a bowl of spaghetti knotted at the stern!

Race 3

With the wind really kicking in, the final race made for great sailing. As final positions were as good as cemented the Wilsons swapped positions and still managed a second place behind Len and Jamie, leaving Tim and Jacqueline in a close third. This race also brought the weekend's first collision. With racing in full swing and all good sailors heads being out of the

boat both Tony and Neil and Nick and Luke failed to see each other on the beat resulting in a T-bone. Out with the Gaffa tape.

The Wayfarers would again like to congratulate all that travelled to the event and to those who took part. Well done to the Wilsons for leading the way for the Datchet fleet closely followed by a great weekend's sailing from Derek and Oliver beating Tony and Neil.

A big thank you to Ant Davy and his crew for a sterling job race officering for the whole weekend plus the safety team and club officials that all made the weekend possible.

A great weekend's sailing was had by all.