

SILVER WING SAILING CLUB

Enterprise Open Meeting – May 22nd 2012

Silver Wing SC were delighted to welcome 12 boats to the water on Saturday 22nd May for their 'Back to Blue' Enterprise Open Meeting. The 12 entrants included 6 visitors from as far afield as Rugby, Burghfield, Cookham and Rickmansworth.

A slightly revised format saw the fleet take to the water for four, forty-minute races – two back-to-back in the morning followed by two back-to-back in the afternoon. The racing was as always very competitive throughout the fleet with many place changes aided by the shifting north-westerly breeze force 2-3.

After a competitive start, race one saw Nigel and Andy Bird take an early lead closely pursued by Nick Jackson and Laura Nokes, despite several place changes at the front throughout the race, the Birds ran out close winners from Nick and Laura in second with David and John Beaney in third. Race two followed a similar format with the Birds eventually working their way chirpily through the fleet to lead with the Beaney's in second and Ann Jackson and David Manson in third.

The fleet then retired to the shore for lunch and more importantly a chance to catch up with old friends over a beer.

The wind dropped slightly and became more fickle for the afternoon races with unpredictable puffs moving across the lake bringing with them large fluctuations in direction. Race three saw Pete Jackson and Alex Nokes round the first mark in the lead only to be overhauled by most of the fleet on the following run. Martin Weston and Sharon Bennett took a significant lead after navigating their way around the outside of the whole fleet brilliantly. But it seemed as though no one could prevent the gradual progression of the Birds who again took the win with Pete Jackson and Alex Nokes eventually coming through to second. With the event already won, the fourth race saw the Birds complete a clean sweep with a fourth win. Pete Jackson and Alex Nokes again took a close second with Dave Philips and Martin Church completing a solid race with a third place in the dying breeze. One moment of light relief was provided by Ann Jackson who, resembling a salmon, flung herself out of the boat after missing the toe straps during a mark rounding. This resulted in a capsized and much entertainment for the fleet...

After the racing a fabulous tea was laid on by the SWSC members and in the prizegiving speeches, tribute was paid to the sadly passed away ex-Commodore and Enterprise sailor David Finch as well as a fascinating address by Alan Woolford of what was Ariel SC who explained the history of the Just Jane Trophy which has been adopted by SWSC as the trophy for this event.

The general consensus that this was a very welcome opportunity to hoist the Blue sails again, have a competitive sail and catch up with old friends, which is surely what sailing should be about.

SWSC – May 2021

Overall Results

Pl	Boat number	Helm	Crew		R1	R2	R3	R4	Tot	Nett
1	E22456	Nigel Bird	Andy Bird	RYA	(1)	1	1	1	4	3
2	E23047	Pete Jackson	Alex Nokes	SWSC	4	(5)	2	2	13	8
3	E20234	David Beaney	John Beaney	Rickmansworth SC	3	2	4	(5)	14	9
4	E23015	Nick Jackson	Laura Nokes	Burghfield SC	2	(7)	7	4	20	13
5	E22104	Martin Weston	Sharon Bennett	SWSC	5	6	3	(8)	22	14
6	E23349	Ann Jackson	David Manson	Burghfield SC	6	3	5	(9)	23	14
7	E21099	Dave Philips	Martin Church	Cookham SC	8	9	(10)	3	30	20
8	E22320	Martin Davies	Rebecca Bradley	Rugby SC	7	4	9	DNS	36	20
9	E23045	Paul Engelmann	Katie Engelmann	SWSC	(9)	8	6	7	30	21
10	E21853	Dave Ackroyd	Claire Ackroyd	SWSC	10	10	(11)	6	37	26
11	E21104	Chris Nokes	Tom Nokes	SWSC	(11)11	8	10	40	29	
12	E21503	Malcolm Weller	Tracy Weller	SWSC	12	12	(12)	11	47	35

[CLICK HERE FOR PHOTOS](#) courtesy of Phil Bergquist.