

Sharpie Open Meeting – Day 1.

A brisk and cold force 3-4 easterly greeted 11 Sharpie crews for the annual Open Meeting.

In race 1 Chris Gibbs and Sally Wynne were in front at the windward mark and gradually pulled out a big lead over the course of the race. Richard Mulderij sailed an excellent beat to pull right up into second place and local hotshots Alex Smith and Paul Beachell sailed consistently well to finish third.

In race 2 Chris Gibbs was pushed hard by Brian Lambert round the first lap but again managed to get away into the lead to win the race. Brian Lambert finished second and Alex Smith and Paul Beachell did very well to pull up to third from a disastrous port tack start.

Day 2

Another evening race., this time out at sea. The wind had moderated to a force 3 gusting 4 initially from the west, then backing to southwest so the sea was less lumpy, but still lumpy enough for the two Overy boats, Ghost and Capella, to capsize at the gybe mark and spend 20 minutes getting rid of the water. The lesson learned is to have two buckets on board rather than just one.

Chris Gibbs again demonstrated his mastery of the conditions and won race 3 by a country mile, followed by Adam Anthony in second and Sam Neal in third.

Only 5 boats contested race 4 but it was the closest of all with much shouting on the start line and Adam Anthony in the lead at the windward mark chased by Sam Neal and Richard Mulderij. Capella looked to be limping round to finish fourth.

Overall Results

		Helm	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total (1 discard)
1st	GBR 125	Chris Gibbs	1	1	1	dns	3
2nd	GBR 127	Adam Anthony	7	5	2	1	8
3rd	NED 226	Richard Mulderij	2	4	4	3	9

4th	GBR 3	Sam Neal	5	6	3	2	10
5th	GBR 128	Alex Smith	3	3	dnf	4	10
6th	GBR 134	Brian Lambert	4	2	5	dns	11
7th	GBR 111	Jamie Borthwick	9	9	6	5	20
8th	GBR 2	Andrew Cracknell	6	8	7	dns	21
9th	GBR 129	Richard Cracknell	8	10	8	dns	26
10th	GBR 133	Paul Goakes	10	7	dnf	dns	28

		R1	R2	R3	R4	total
GBR 125	Chris Gibbs & Sally Wynne	1	1			
GBR 134	Brian Lambert &	4	2			
GBR 226	Richard Melderij &	2	4			
GBR 128	Alex Smith & Paul Beachell	3	3			
GBR 3	Sam Neal & Cliff Nye	5	6			
GBR 127	Adam Anthony & Patrick Neal	7	5			
GBR 2	Andrew Cracknell & Justine Sykes	6	8			
GBR 133	Paul Goakes & Calum Dow	10	7			
GBR 129	Richard Cracknell &	8	10			
GBR 111	Jamie Borthwick & Tim	9	9			
GBR 57		dns	dns			