

Chipstead SC Radio Sailing Marblehead GAMES1 Report

On the first visit to Chipstead Sailing Club, the radio sailing members made the sixteen visiting Marblehead skippers from eight clubs very welcome indeed to the first M&S interclub event of the season. Peter Crisp even greeted everyone individually as they arrived at the entrance to the car park.

Although it had been very cold and frosty over the previous few days, Chipstead Lake was not frozen near the launching area although there was a small area of ice at the far end of the lake, which soon melted in the bright sunshine. The initial flat calm gradually built into a light easterly breeze and gave some excellent conditions for racing, despite its variability when blowing more through the trees later in the day.

Race officer, Dave Allinson, was a bit nervous about running his first big event, but shouldn't have been as he and his team handled the racing very well and was able to get 10 long windward leeward races completed before the wind finally died out by mid afternoon.

Colin Goodman made a good start by winning the first two races and another before lunch only interrupted by wins by Roger Stollery and John Shorrock in Races 3 and 4. The lunch break was welcomed giving an opportunity to get warm and enjoy a beef stew and a hot drink, laid on specially by the club.

Assistant race officer, Garven McKie, made several course changes during the afternoon changes as the wind began to blow more across the lake. John Shorrock started well by winning Race 6, with Races 7 and 8 won by Rob Vice and John Cleave, but the most consistent skipper apart from the winner, Colin Goodman, was Hugh McAdoo who finished by winning both the last two races in the lightest of airs.

Overall it was an enjoyable and good natured day's racing for all those who attended. Special thanks were given by the prizewinners to Dave Allinson, who managed the racing well and organised a team from Chipstead SC Radio Sailing for scoring, observing, course changing etc as well as making a good photographic record of the event.

There is no doubt that this new radio sailing club has fantastic facilities, very well suited to running a big events with a large lake with good access on the banks and the clubhouse and excellent launching facilities right in the centre of the activity.

Report by Peter Crisp and Roger Stollery

Results:

- 1st Colin Goodman Coalhouse Fort QUARK 16,
- 2nd Hugh McAdoo Datchet Water PRIME NUMBER 29,
- 3rd John Shorrock Datchet Water QUARK 30,
- 4th Trevor Binks Eastbourne PRIME NUMBER 36.2,
- 5th Rob Vice Clapham UPROAR 39,
- 6th Roger Stollery Guildford UPROAR 41.7,
- 7th Martin Crysell Guildford PRIME NUMBER 42,
- 8th Dave Andrews Hampton Court PRIME NUMBER 57,
- 9th John Cleave Ryde SKALPEL 59,

10th Martin Shaw Hampton Court PRIME NUMBER 63,
11th Alan Viney Guildford PRIME NUMBER 68,
12th Peter Crisp Chipstead STARKERS 68,
13th Terry Rensch Datchet Water QUARK 73,
14th Richard Uttley Emsworth Slipper INDIE 87,
15th Mike Stroud Hampton Court STARKERS 134,
16th David Adam Woking PRIME NUMBER 135.