

Vane A Racing Sunday 18th November

It was a chilly November day, but the sun was out! The wind was forecast as a east-north-easterly but in fact was very unstable causing some interesting unplanned manoeuvres and many re-sails....

With four boats and nine skippers and mates we planned two rounds or possibly more. However, the boats were so closely matched that the sometimes dramatic changes in wind direction ensured that many races had to be re-sailed due to collisions..... and sometimes re-sailed again.... and again.

As a result only one round was completed although we had all completed several extra lengths of the lake.

Graham Wyeth and Ray Baker lost five points to Mervyn Cook, Andy Fernie and Ryan Dean. Jacque Cook and Eric Meighen had a brilliant start taking five points from Peter Fothergill and Paul Edwards and three points from Mervyn. Andy and Deano. However from then on they narrowly missed winning any more points! Meanwhile Graham and Ray won points from every one else and with 10 overall gained first place.

The scores were close, ten for Graham and Ray, Nine for Mervyn, Andy and Deano and eight for Jacque and Eric. Peter and Paul were uncharacteristically off form although some of the finishes were so very close. Sometimes the wind intervened: turning to port immediately after the start for example was not part of the plan.

Anyway, we all had plenty of exercise, and the scores reflected performance. Well done Graham and Ray.

Last race of the series on Sunday 25th November.

Jacque