

Seafarers Open 2011

There was some testing sailing on the Solent at Seafarers SC, part of the class' sea series. The first race set off in a moderate breeze combined with a lumpy sea. Almost immediately the 16 Solos split into two equal groups with each favouring its side of the beat. On the reaches some fast planing down sizeable waves resulted in little separation at the leeward mark. However, on the next beat Videlo and Loy began to stretch their lead. With the wind rising the battle between the first eight was closely fought but ultimately it was Videlo who triumphed.

Over the lunch break the wind, stiffened by sea breeze, reached top F6 gusting F7. Only eleven boats set off in the second race. All made it up the beat and, with much spray flying, hurled themselves out to the wing mark where many decided on discretion and wore round. More discretion followed with five boats retiring before the end of the race, leaving Loy and Waite to lead home the remainder.

Five Solos attempted the last race and, with only four finishing, it was again Loy that showed his expertise closely followed by Collins and Boyce.

Photo courtesy of Mike Stanier

Pos	Helm	Sail No	Club	R1	R2	R3	Pts
1	Will Loy	4670 (18)	RYA	2	1	1	2
2	Keith Videlo	4369	Frensham Pond SC	1	3	6	4
3	Ray Collins	5073	Locks SC	3	4	2	5
4	Stephen Waite	4862	Highcliffe SC	4	2	DNS	6
5	Andrew	5115	Papercourt	5	5	3	8



Abersoch Dinghy Week 2011

Photo; John Murrell

Abersoch Dinghy Week immediately followed the Solo Nationals this year (also hosted by SCYC) and it was always a risk that this would lead to a reduction in entries for Dinghy Week which have recently been breaking the 40 boat level.

Nevertheless, entries held up well and the 25 boats from 12 clubs included many who had sailed the physically gruelling Championships but were happy to enjoy the traditional Dinghy Week format, with only one morning race each day.

Racing was held in the bay with starts from the Clubhouse, and unusually there wasn't a single start to mark D5 (the first mark in 90% of Dinghy Week races), as the wind blew from the North/Northwest all week. Courses were long, making the Championship courses seem short – but with only one race a day and no sail to and from the course area, it was a much more relaxing week than the Championships.

Racing took place in a range of conditions, from a near flat calm to a good breeze on the final day. Competition throughout the fleet was intense, particularly for first place. Steve Denison started the week in great form, winning the first three races, but as the wind increased, Michael Sims engaged a different gear and won the last three races. With equal points, the winner was Michael Sims, due to a better discard. Chris Gillard, a previous winner of the event sailed a very consistent series to finish third.

Socially, the Solo fleet enjoyed themselves too – with entertainment in the bar every evening and a Solo Supper attracting a healthy turnout.

The Club looks forward to seeing the entries back up to the 40-plus level as Dinghy Week next year will start slightly later, hopefully avoiding a clash with the Nationals.



Michael Sims

www.fotoboat.com
Photographer: © Mike Shaw

www.solosailing.org.uk



Solos
Class Association
Sailing

Series	Sail	Helm	Club	Points	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6
1	5161	Michael Sims	Carsington Water SC	7	2	2	4	1	1	1
2	5249	Stevie Denison	Hollingworth Lake SC	7	1	1	1	2	5	2
3	5214	Chris Gillard	Sheffield Viking SC	17	4	3	2	4	4	4
4	5003	Andrew Le Grice	Stokes Bay SC	28	5	OCS29	5	13	2	3
5	5023	Brian Holland	SCYC	33	8	4	6	9	10	6
6	5095	Graham Clow	Delph SC	37	9	11	3	11	6	8
7	5039	Tony Sampson	SCYC	37	12	8	7	10	7	5
8	5096	John Webster	Carsington Water SC	39	10	13	11	3	8	7
9	5021	Simon Molyneux	Crosby SC	45	7	5	10	16	9	14
10	4852	Mike Bishop	Sheffield Viking SC	45	17	7	8	6	14	10
11	5213	Andrew Fox	Crosby SC	46	6	6	18	DNF26	3	13
12	4327	David Winder	Hollingworth Lake SC	57	3	14	9	5	DNF26	DNC28
13	4576	Jon Gledhill	West Riding SC	60	11	17	13	8	11	DNC28
14	5162	John Cronshaw	Delph SC	62	15	OCS29	15	7	16	9
15	5144	Gary Catterall	Delph SC	62	14	9	12	15	18	12
16	4966	Paul Beckford	Delph SC	63	13	12	17	14	13	11
17	4671	David Fletcher	Sheffield Viking SC	74	16	20	19	12	12	15
18	4407	Alan Knock	Port Dinorwic SC	83	20	15	22	17	15	16
19	4087	Dave Ernest	Rudyard Lake SC	98	19	16	20	DNF26	17	DNC28
20	4478	Colin Coombs	Ogston SC	100	18	18	21	DNF26	DNF26	17
21	5137	John Poulson	Carsington Water SC	108	DNC28	10	16	DNF26	DNC28	DNC28
22	5131	Brian Fisher	Sheffield Viking SC	113	22	21	DNF26	DNC28	DNF26	18
23	5169	David Haselden	Rudyard Lake SC	119	21	DNC28	14	DNC28	DNC28	DNC28
24	5164	Roy Cooper	Delph SC	124	DNF26	19	23	DNC28	DNC28	DNC28
25	4477	John Mackie	Port Dinorwic SC	140	DNC28	DNC28	DNC28	DNC28	DNC28	DNC28