

Blackpool & Fleetwood Yacht Club Blaze Open Meeting May 8/9 2007

Eleven Blazes attended and were greeted with high winds! Despite a low tide race officer Tony Roe set a challenging P course with a tight start line. Andrew Taylor led race 1 from start to finish, followed by Ian Brooker then Oliver Birtwistle. With the breeze building race 2 was a triumph for lightweight Steve Baldam, followed by Ian Brooker with John Ainsworth 3rd. Andrew Taylor was leading race 3 when his boom broke on the final beat – giving first place to John Ainsworth followed by Steve Baldam then Ian Brooker.

Modays winds were stronger with gusts of 38 kts giving the fatties an edge. John Ainsworth won all three races, the lesser positions being taken by a mix of Brooker, Baldam and Birtwistle. Multiple capsizes with Bob Johnson giving a masterclass in capsize technique both up and down wind, tacking and gybing. Dodgy DJ James Dyson accompanied by his new “squeeze” Harriette provided the evening entertainment!!

Many Thanks to all visitor and race officials.

Results

Sailed:6, Discards:2, To count:4, Entries:11, Scoring system:Blaze Open

Rank	SailNo	Helm	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett
1	656	John Ainsworth	Weaver	(5.0)	(3.0)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	12.0	4.0
2	592	Steve Baldam	Blackpool	(4.0)	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	(5.0)	16.0	7.0
3	673	Ian Brooker	Blackpool	2.0	2.0	(3.0)	3.0	(4.0)	2.0	16.0	9.0
4	552	Oliver Birtwistle	Burwain	3.0	(5.0)	(4.0)	4.0	3.0	3.0	22.0	13.0
5	629	James Dyson	Dodgy DJ SC	(7.0)	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	(12.0 DNF)	38.0	19.0
6	512	Paul Reid	Blackpool	(8.0)	6.0	6.0	6.0	(7.0)	4.0	37.0	22.0
7	717	Bob Yates	Burghfield	6.0	(12.0 DNF)	(12.0 DNF)	7.0	6.0	6.0	49.0	25.0
8	646	Andrew Taylor	Blackpool	1.0	(DNC)	(12.0 DNF)	DNC	DNC	DNC	61.0	37.0
9	668	Bob Johnson	Blackpool	(DNC)	(DNC)	DNC	12.0 DNF	8.0	12.0 DNF	68.0	44.0
10	707	Chris Pimlott	Blackpool	(12.0 DNF)	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	72.0	48.0
10	587	Steve Schofield	Blackpool	(12.0 DNF)	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	72.0	48.0

Photos to follow.