

June Regatta

The first 'open' Regatta of the season was held last weekend at the Royal Norfolk & Suffolk Yacht Club with Laser's, Squibs and BOD's taking part in some spectacular sailing at sea. Saturday was a glorious day with the sun out, but racing was sadly curtailed at lunchtime as the wind speed rose and the sea got very choppy with wind against tide giving Race Officer and Vice Commodore Kingsley Farrington no option but to cancel the afternoons racing on safety grounds. However, Sunday was again fine with another strong breeze but by the time the wind speed rose to the point that sailing would have had to be curtailed – thankfully all the fleets had completed two back to back races and were enjoying a well earned BBQ back at the RN&SYC.

The Laser fleet, who were very welcome, were visiting the club for the 1st time in a number of years with local sailors Arabella Sabberton & Joe Drake joined by Piers Luxford & James Percival-Cooke. Arabella had a weekend of solid results winning two out of the 4 races and with a second place also counting she was a worthy winner of the Laser series. Joe Drake who has qualified for the Laser Radial World Championships in France in a few weeks' time was in second place and carrying a 'sail' handicap.

Richard Sullivan was lucky that Bryan & Jenny Riley didn't sail on Saturday as they won both races on Sunday – but carrying their Saturday DNC points meant they were 3rd overall. However, Richard crewed by partner Sue Harper had a solid series and won the Squib Trophy, and was also presented with the Squib Martello Trophy that he won the previous weekend.

All the fleets including the BOD's had a strenuous mornings racing with the strong breeze, but Mark Drake, crewed by the family, revelled in the conditions, showing the BOD Fleet the way around the course – only to forgo line honours by taking the final mark the wrong way – leaving Tim Mobbs to claim victory after a hard fought race.

Ali Clabham's win in the 1st Race on Sunday along with a 3rd place in the second race was enough to secure overall victory for the weekend in the BOD's, though Mike Davies crewed by Ruth Davies, his wife and our Lady Commodore was close behind in second place – just 1 point behind after a solid series – with a 2nd, 3rd & 4th place counting.

Now the RN&SYC has a series of Trophy races each weekend leading up to our premier Regatta – SEA WEEK in early August with the Topper NS6 Regatta over the weekend of 15th/16th July when up to 200 boats sailed by some of the country's leading junior helms are expected.