

## Report for publication

It was Club Championship Heat 1 and 12 enthusiastic sailors tackled the 15-20 kn breeze on Sunday and were challenged by the gusty south west conditions in 4 full rigs 6 radials and 2 4.7s. Fortunately I made the wise decision to try out my 4.7 sail and managed to stay in the boat with some element of control. Will Nunn made the same fortunate decision.

After the race there was a lot of bragging as to who went over the most number of times I think it was a close call between Ross and Dom. Ross took first place in the swimming stakes with 5 closely followed by Dom with 4 swims.

The full rigs were out in front with Nigel Paul and Justin Rose tussling for the lead. Heading for the bottom mark for the final time Justin was stealing Nigel's wind and with the help of a huge gust drew level as they jibed simultaneously around the bottom mark. Whether it was the gust or the excitement of the close racing who knows but they both went over to leeward in the jibe. It then became a race of who could right their boat the quickest and get under way. Nigel got up and going first and crossed the finish line 4 seconds before Justin. Andrew Brockis in a radial was third across the finish followed by Graham Lithgo in a full rig was next followed by Will Nunn and Myself (Gaye) in 4.7s. I suppose it again proves its best not to be overpowered in strong winds.

Fastest full rig was Nigel Paul and Radial was Andrew Brockis. On handicap was Gaye Ryan was first Will Nunn second and Andrew Brockis third Justin Rose was fourth, Nigel Paul was fifth and Helen Ramsay sixth.

Thanks to all the helpers who made our fun possible.

Gaye