

# Streaker Open at Rotherham Sailing Club

19 April 2009 by Peter Cogill

11 boats entered the second event on the Streaker Northern Paddle circuit with 4 Rotherham boats including Janet Bell sailing in her first open meeting. Everyone enjoyed a day of close racing in a light breeze which at times became fickle due to the wind shadow.

In the first race with all the boats contesting the start; Tom Gillard (Viking), winner for last 2 years, was fast away followed by Dave Smith (Welton) and Alan Gillard (Viking). Tom Gillard extended his lead and Alan and Dave contested second place; Peter Cogill (Rotherham), Lawrence Wride and John Hollis (Pennine) contesting the next few places. By Lap 4 Alan Ward (Ulley) joined the contest. On the final lap Alan Gillard passed Dave Smith. The race was won by Tom Gillard, followed by Alan Gillard, Dave Smith, Peter Cogill and Alan Ward.

After an excellent lunch, Tom Gillard was again first to the windward mark, followed by Alan Gillard, John Hollis, Paul Jago (Rotherham) who had made an excellent start, and Dave Smith. By the second lap Tom Gillard had opened up a lead followed by Alan Gillard, Dave Smith, Peter Cogill and Paul Jago. On the next lap Lawrence Wride was up to fourth behind Dave Smith. Tom Gillard won the race by 6 minutes from Alan Gillard followed by Dave Smith, Lawrence Wride and Peter Cogill. Janet Bell tried a modern sail and significantly improved her performance.

In the final race Tom Gillard was again first to the windward mark followed by Alan Gillard, Dave Smith and Lawrence Wride. Tom Gillard extended his lead followed by Alan Gillard. On the final lap in patchy wind Peter Cogill rounded the A mark 20 metres in front of Alan Ward. Peter Cogill passed Dave Smith and Lawrence Wride for third; by the time Alan & the rest of the fleet behind him reached No 2, Dave went inside Alan and the bunched boats who had only just reached No 2, the next mark after A, to reclaim third; and Lawrence Wride regained fourth before the finish.

The overall results were first Tom Gillard 2pts, second Alan Gillard 4pts, third Dave Smith 6pts and fourth Lawrence Wride 8pts.

| Pos | Name           | Sail No | Club           | R1   | R2   | R3   | Pts |
|-----|----------------|---------|----------------|------|------|------|-----|
| 1   | Tom Gillard    | 1661    | Viking SC      | (1)  | 1    | 1    | 2   |
| 2   | Alan Gillard   | 1693    | Viking SC      | (2)  | 2    | 2    | 4   |
| 3   | Dave Smith     | 1670    | Welton Sc      | (3)  | 3    | 3    | 6   |
| 4   | Lawrence Wride | 1685    |                | (7)  | 4    | 4    | 8   |
| 5   | Peter Cogill   | 1683    | Rotherham SC   | 4    | (5)  | 5    | 9   |
| 6   | Alan Ward      | 1557    | Ulley SC       | 5    | (8)  | 6    | 11  |
| 7   | John Hollis    | 1627    | Pennine SC     | 6    | 6    | (7)  | 12  |
| 8   | Roger Wallis   | 1360    | South Yorks SC | 8    | (9)  | 8    | 16  |
| 9   | Paul Jago      | 1215    | Rotherham SC   | 10   | 7    | (12) | 17  |
| 10  | Jane Morton    | 1555    | Rotherham SC   | 9    | (10) | 9    | 18  |
| 11  | Janet Bell     | 1545    | Rotherham SC   | (11) | 11   | 10   | 21  |