

2018 Vane A Championship Thursday 2nd August.

Race officer Jacque Cook was faced with some tough decisions today, as the forecast predicted light variable winds backing from south west, through 90 degrees to south east, during the racing day. Racing for the 20 strong fleet started on the east bank in some six to eight knots of wind, but even in the initial boards the fickle breeze threw up some surprising finishes. An early lunch was called as the wind had faded completely while the sea breeze decided whether to arrive, but in the end it opted out! Racing continued in light airs swinging between one end of the lake and the other, and it was not unusual to see spinnakers flown on the 'windward' legs!

The last board was completed at 4.30, and the overall positions had developed from Tuesdays results. Leading with 81 points were still Martin Roberts and Bernie McNulty, sailing their mid-weight Simpson 'M'Aidez' design. Now in second place, 5 points behind, are David Bell and Alan Bell, sailing a lightweight Simpson 'Lightening', and in third only 1 point behind them are Graham Butler and Keith Wiseman sailing their Bantock designed 'Shield'.

Racing continues tomorrow, Friday, for the final day of this championship. The forecast is once again for light, variable winds and another scorching hot day. There are enough points available for the current finishing order to change again. Two of the boats in the first three are acknowledged light-wind performers, and one more normally seen as a heavy wind boat. We'll know by tomorrow afternoon at 3.00!

Mervyn