

Multi Hulls on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

### *Fast, Fun, Fantastic*

The last opportunity to hone skills before the open meeting next weekend dawned dull, not a lot of wind but from a useful direction for setting the course and with the threat of rain!

Eleven boats entered but only eight started at any one time which reduced pressure on the starting line. However, it did not prevent some close encounters just before the starting signal as skippers manoeuvred to be first off the line. In readiness for next weekend skippers had to refrain from crossing the starting line from the course side..... One or two needed to 'go round the end of the line' in order to start!

It was a day of innovation..... Firstly there was what looked like a mini Mini40. Alex Cory sailed his foiling tri which looked a great deal smaller than the rest of the fleet but had a real turn of speed when the wind was sufficient to get the foils engaged. Sadly, there was not enough to really get it going round the course. Looking forward to seeing it perform on a windier day. As the pictures show it is certainly different.

During the day some different foils were tried with the consensus that they worked better when they were the right way round! The main attraction, though, was Mike Dann's, almost paint still wet, tri 'Fish'. Again, the picture tells the story as skippers examined the internal boom controls and the radio controlled foils..... Although only able to get afloat for the last race Fish clearly has potential.

First and second places were keenly contested between Andy Cleal and new member, Matt Ponsford. With only one point between them after the two discards were taken into account, Matt won the day. Peter Fothergill consistently finished all his races, managing to avoid capsizing to come third. Despite missing the first three races with electrical glitches and having to retire from the last Mervyn Cook still managed to gain fourth place. Rob Walley sailed consistently into fifth place. Newcomer, Jay Britton our youngest fleet member by far, acquitted himself well in his first race and discarding two races narrowly beat Tony Cleal. It was good to see Brian Shell managing to race in a few races with one cracking start. Rob Lyne unfortunately had gear problems which ended his sailing early.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the lake at the weekend. Registration will be open and we will be check measuring from 10.00 till 2.30 on Friday and from 8.30 to 9.30 on Saturday morning.

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