

## **Chelmarsh Laser open 2009**

Round 1 of the Laser Midlands Grand Prix kicked off at Chelmarsh SC on 15<sup>th</sup> March. 14 visitors joined the 12 home boats on a day more reminiscent of a Summer's day than one in mid March. The winds were tricky, varying from very little to force 3 and very shifty which resulted in regular place changing throughout the fleet.

Race 1 was dominated in the early part by local sailors Cameron Smith and Peter Townsend, they were challenged in the latter stages by Richard Bennett from Staunton Harold but managed to hold him off to finish in this order.

Race 2 saw Paul Williamson (SHSC) take an early lead which he almost held to the end, but this was to be Cameron Smith's day when he overhauled Williamson on the penultimate leg to take the meeting with a race to spare. Craig Williamson (SHSC) led the rest of the pack to finish in third place, a 10 place improvement on his first race.

With the lower places to be decided, race 3 saw new faces at the front of the fleet, Richard Barnett (SHSC) lead around the windward mark with Rachael Rhodes (SHSC) pulling through to second. But at the end of the race it was to be a battle between the Williamsons with father Paul just taking line honours from son Craig, with Richard Bennett in a close third.

The Radial Class raced with the Standard rigs and had hotly contested racing with Michael Collier from Shustoke leading the way from Sabine Townsend (CSC) and Linda World (CSC).

Chelmarsh was a fitting start to the 2009 Laser Midlands Grand Prix which continues at Earlswood in two weeks time on 29<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Results**

#### **Standard Rig**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cameron Smith – Chelmarsh SC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Williamson – Staunton Harold SC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Craig Williamson – Staunton Harold SC
- 4<sup>th</sup> Peter Townsend – Chelmarsh SC
- 5<sup>th</sup> Richard Bennett – Staunton Harold SC
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Rachael Rhodes – Staunton Harold SC

#### **Radial Rig**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Collier – Shustoke SC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabine Townsend – Chelmarsh SC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Linda World – Chelmarsh SC

## Overall

Sailed:1, Discards:0, To count:1, Entries:26, Scoring system:Appendix A						
Rank	SailNo	Club	HelmName	Chelmarsh	Total	Nett
1st	191760	Chelmarsh	Cameron Smith	1.0	1.0	1.0
2nd	159432	Staunton Harold	Paul Williamson	2.0	2.0	2.0
3rd	184212	Staunton Harold	Craig Williamson	3.0	3.0	3.0
4th	163353	Chelmarsh	Peter Townsend	4.0	4.0	4.0
5th	172766	Staunton Harold	Rich Bennett	5.0	5.0	5.0
6th	190864	Chelmarsh	Keith Wilkins	6.0	6.0	6.0
7th	179750	Severn	Matthew Holbourn	7.0	7.0	7.0
8th	152759	Staunton Harold	Rachael Rhodes	8.0	8.0	8.0
9th	176518	Staunton Harold	Alan Bennett	9.0	9.0	9.0
10th	170603	Aldridge	C Morgan	10.0	10.0	10.0
11th	180951	Dalgety Bay	Gordon Bissett	11.0	11.0	11.0
12th	186021	Barnt Green	Jim Rosser	12.0	12.0	12.0
13th	172233	Shustoke	Max Wearing	13.0	13.0	13.0
14th	138589	Chelmarsh	John Dickinson	14.0	14.0	14.0
15th	182989	Barnt Green	Russell Lewis	15.0	15.0	15.0
16th	186686	Staunton Harold	Richard Barnett	16.0	16.0	16.0
17th	86788	Chelmarsh	Steve Taylor	17.0	17.0	17.0
18th	174848	Chelmarsh	Will Ranson	18.0	18.0	18.0
19th	143827	Chelmarsh	Julian Talbot	19.0	19.0	19.0
20th	171898	Chelmarsh	Richard Woods	20.0	20.0	20.0
21st	178295	Shustoke	Michael Collier	21.0	21.0	21.0
22nd	1633	Chelmarsh	Sabine Townsend	22.0	22.0	22.0
23rd	8762	Arden	David Stephen	23.0	23.0	23.0
24th	1787	Chelmarsh	Linda Wood	24.0	24.0	24.0
25th	189183	Chelmarsh	Jill Amos	25.0	25.0	25.0
26th	163123	Chelmarsh	Jen Lester	26.0	26.0	26.0