

Press Report

Scottish Solo Championships 2010

Annandale Sailing Club in the Scottish Borders hosted the Solo Scottish Championship over the weekend of the 29th and 30th May.

27 boats from as far afield as Wick in the very far north of Scotland to North Wales all came together to contest the championship.

The Saturday afternoons racing of 3 races were all won by Steve Denison of Hollingworth Lake Sailing Club followed by Chris Gillard of Sheffield Viking. The real racing took place between the next three positions being Jeff Henstridge from Wick, Kevan Gibb from Largo Bay and Chris Brown from R.Y.A, all taking 3rd positions in the three races.

Throughout the rest of the fleet there was much position changing in the shifty conditions but the overall standings at the end of Saturday were Steve Denison and Chris Gillard very soundly in 1st and 2nd positions.

After an evening at the local golf club for a meal and hospitality in the local taverns around Annandale, we woke to fresher conditions on the Sunday morning.

Going into the first race Chris Brown from The R.Y.A took the lead and was never contested once he got past David Sword of Loch Tummel Sailing Club and Bruce Deppe was in 3rd position followed by Chris Gillard in 4th.

Going into the fifth race, and by this time the discards were kicking in, Chris Brown was trying very hard to regain the championship which he had previously won at Annandale by scoring another 1st followed by Alistair Raynard from Carsington Lake in 2nd place followed by Kevan Gibb in 3rd. It was all to play for in the last race, although the fleet was slightly depleted due to wear and tear and the continuing forceful breeze which was gusting down the loch, and in the third race Kevan Gibb broke free from the start but half way up the beat was overtaken by Chris Brown who then went on to win the race and the Championship. 2nd was Andrew Fox, 3rd was Brian Holland and 4th was Kevan Gibb.

At the prize giving, conducted by Lindsay Tosh of the home fleet, Chris Brown accepted the Scottish Championship Trophy for the second time in his illustrious career within the fleet and the second time he had actually won it at Annandale Sailing Club. Steve Denison having had a wonderful start on Saturday came 2nd, Chris Gillard came 3rd and 1st Veteran and the first Scottish competitor was Kevan Gibb in 4th place.

Jessica Campbell of the home club who sailed Lindsay Tosh's Solo for the weekend was a commendable 26th and the Masters Trophy went to Mike Liddell of Cove Sailing Club in 24th position.

The Scottish Solo Association would like to thank Annandale for their hospitality and note that the next event is the Royal Forth Yacht Club on the 12th June 2010.

More information is on the class website.