

The Gibb Brothers clean up at Bardowie

The first Scottish Solo Travellers event of the year was held at Bardowie Loch, home of The Clyde Cruising Club's Dinghy Section on Sunday 25th April. A training day was held on the Saturday when Kevan Gibb and Richard Bolton put fourteen Solo sailors through their paces, improving their tacking, gybing and starting skills. This was also a rude awakening of some muscles that had been quietly resting since last October!

Sunday morning saw the significant entry of twenty six competitors from as far afield as Aberdeen and Stonehaven and Berwick-upon-Tweed surveying a calm and misty loch hoping that the forecast light southerly would soon appear. Race officer Alan Cassels set a tight course utilising the little wind that was available and the first race started on time with a busy line putting an emphasis on a good start in clear air. Kevan and Derek Gibb of Largo Bay SC pulled clear of the fleet and were eventually followed into third place by Robert Signer from Loch Ard SC who made a spectacular recovery from 13th position at the end of the first lap.

The wind shifted slightly to the East and was even lighter for the second race with a pin end bias putting even more pressure on the sailors. Local helm Colin Crichton rose to the occasion leading round the windward mark and holding his lead until the second lap when he was ground down by the superior roll tacking of Kevan Gibb and David Sword our latest recruit to Bardowie. At the finish David led from Kevan with Colin being pipped at the post for third place by Graeme Henry of St Mary's Loch SC.

The wind swung to the west and increased slightly allowing the race officer to set a windward leeward course for the last race of the day. A pin end bias helped the fast starting Gibb brothers to cross the fleet and make it clear to the windward mark followed by Alistair Angus of the home club who faithfully followed them round the course, finishing in that order.

The overall result was a convincing (for the fifth time) win by Kevan Gibb with brother Derek second and David Sword third. The newly established Silver Fleet went to Katie Masterson followed by Colin Crichton of the home club. Prizes were kindly donated by British Waterways, Scotland

The Solo Fleet in Scotland is flourishing with steadily increasing numbers enjoying the competitive and friendly racing in the Scottish Solo Travellers Series with the next event being held at St Marys Loch SC on 15 May.

Alistair Angus

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Solo Traveller 2010

CCC Bardowie

Overall

Sailed: 3, Discards: 1, To count: 2, Ratings: PY, Entries: 26, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Sail No	Helm Name	Club	R1	R2	R3	Total	Nett
1st	4870	K Gibb	Largo Bay SC	1.0	(2.0)	1.0	4.0	2.0
2nd	4766	D Gibb	Largo Bay SC	2.0	(12.0)	2.0	16.0	4.0
3rd	5103	D Sword	CCC Bardowie	4.0	1.0	(7.0)	12.0	5.0
4th	4672	G Henry	St Marys Loch SC	(5.0)	3.0	4.0	12.0	7.0
5th	4856	R Signer	Loch Ard SC	3.0	(13.0)	5.0	21.0	8.0
6th	3846	K Masterson	St Marys Loch SC	6.0	6.0	(10.0)	22.0	12.0
7th	4572	D Redpath	St Marys Loch SC	(8.0)	7.0	6.0	21.0	13.0
8th	4367	A Gordon	CCC Bardowie	(9.0)	5.0	9.0	23.0	14.0
9th	5034	C Crichton	CCC Bardowie	(15.0)	4.0	12.0	31.0	16.0
10th	4946	A Angus	CCC Bardowie	(14.0)	14.0	3.0	31.0	17.0
11th	4000	R Davies	CCC Bardowie	(17.0)	9.0	8.0	34.0	17.0
12th	4625	R Bolton	East Lothian SC	7.0	11.0	(14.0)	32.0	18.0
13th	5120	K Milroy	Largo Bay SC	(11.0)	8.0	11.0	30.0	19.0
14th	3889	M Lidwell	Cove SC	(19.0)	10.0	16.0	45.0	26.0
15th	4224	M Wilde	Berwick Upon Tweed SC	10.0	(24.0)	17.0	51.0	27.0
16th	5010	J Cameron	Newburgh SC	12.0	15.0	(27.0 DNS)	54.0	27.0
17th	4351	G Keir	Newburgh SC	13.0	16.0	(27.0 DNS)	56.0	29.0
18th	5018	D Parkin	Aberdeen and Stonehaven SC	(18.0)	17.0	13.0	48.0	30.0
19th	3163	C Young	St Marys Loch	16.0	(21.0)	18.0	55.0	34.0
20th	3837	A Wyper	CCC Bardowie	(20.0)	20.0	15.0	55.0	35.0
21st	4929	R Patrick	Loch Tummel SC	(22.0)	18.0	22.0	62.0	40.0
22nd	3194	Nigel Ford	St Andrews SC	(21.0)	19.0	21.0	61.0	40.0
23rd	4963	D Jamie	CCC Bardowie	(24.0)	23.0	19.0	66.0	42.0
24th	1825	J Jamison	CCC Bardowie	(23.0)	22.0	20.0	65.0	42.0
25th	5024	B Campbell	CCC Bardowie	(25.0)	25.0	23.0	73.0	48.0
26th	4468	J Day	CCC Bardowie	(26.0)	26.0	24.0	76.0	50.0