



Southern Area Championship

Broadwater Sailing Club

25th & 26th April 2016

Report and results

Pos	Club	Sail No	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total points
1	Neal Gibson & Keith Macey	Redoubt 4040	2	1	-2	1	-3	4
2	Brian Jones, Paul Cook & Hannah Mumford	Maidenhead 4064	1	-6	-3	2	2	5
3	Hannah & Nick Smith	Thornbury 3805	-4	3	1	3	-5	7
4	Tracy Amos & Gemma Gibson	Redoubt 3692	3	2	-5	4	-7	9
5	Yvonne & Brian Mumford	Redoubt 4099	5	-5	4	-6	1	10
6	Graham Watts & Helen	Staunton Harold 3813	6	4	-7	5	-6	15
7	John Tippet & Kathy Boulton	Draycote 4020	-12	-8	6	8	4	18
8	Steve Fischer & Laura	Aldenham 124	7	7	-8	7	-8	21
9	David & Jean Reed	Girton 4052	8	10	9	-10	(DNS)	27
10	John Green & Jane	Broadwater 3290	9	9	-10	-12	9	27
11	John F & Nick/John	Broadwater 279	11	-13	-11	11	10	32
12	Stuart & Janice	Broadwater 2132	12	11	-12	9	(DNS)	34
13	Barry Mellor & Steve	Broadwater 3838	10	12	DNS	(DNS)	(DNS)	39

Gibson fresh from Caribbean adventure

Neil Gibson returned to the Miracle for their season opener, the Southern Areas at Broadwater, from the GP Worlds in Barbados. Neil and his Miracle crew Keith Macey didn't have it all their own way, however. The five race series over two days saw four different race winners.

The northerly wind and bright sunshine gave near perfect conditions for Broadwater allowing the full length of the lake for the windward leg. The course for race one took the boats around the lake. Brian Jones crewed by Paul were the boat to break clear with Neal and Keith leading the chase.

A change of course for race two kept the boats in the most wind down the centre of the lake and away from the wind shadow of the islands.

Neal and Keith broke clear this time with Tracey Amos and Gemma Gibson adding a second place to their 3rd in the first race.

Sunday reproduced Saturday's wind and weather and an early start to accommodate the RS Aero fleet. Race three saw Hannah and Nick Smith make the perfect pin end start and a nice lift up the

middle put them clear. Neal and Keith broke clear of the chasing pack and Brian Jones now with Hannah Mumford as crew came third.

The black flag was brought out for race four as the competition was hotting up. Neal led the restart closely followed by Hannah Smith. Hannah slipped in front downwind but then went into a hole at the windward mark allowing Neal, followed by Brian Jones into 1st and 2nd.

For race five, Brian Jones could end up with equal points with Neal by winning the last race, so it was all to play for. However, it wasn't to be as Yvonne and Brian Mumford got the best start this time and stayed clear to the end.

The warmth of Barbados was exchanged for the hot competition of the Miracles at Broadwater and consistent results made Neil and Keith Southern Area Champions. The next Miracle event is at Delph on the 14/15th May for the Northern Area Championship.

