



## **North East Area Championship**

### **Welton Sailing Club**

**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018**

#### **Results and report**

Pos	Club	Sail No	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total points	
1	Jon Willars &	Welton	3934	2	1	1	3	1	3
2	Dave Butler &	Welton	4060	1	3	2	1	4	4
3	Graeme Watts & Helen Jacks	Staunton Harold	3813	4	2	3	6	5	9
4	Richard & Todd Brameld	Welton	4115	6	7	2	7	2	10
5	Wayne Atherton & Mark Atherton	Delph	3383	3	5	5	2	7	10
6	Ben Williamson &	Welton	4009	5	4	3	4	3	10
7	Richard Wharram &	Welton	3645	7	6	RTD	5	6	17
8	Ed Wheeldon &	Welton	4066	9	10	7	8	8	23
9	L Therkelson &	Welton	4031	8	8	8	RTD	DNS	24
10	Brian & Sharon Worrall	Welton	4063	10	11	9	9	9	27
11	Ian & Lilly Brown	Delph	4098	DNS	9	11	DNS	10	30
12	K Keegan &	Welton	3900	DNS	RTD	10	RTD	11	35
13	Gillan & Kenneth Gibson	Thornton Steward	3670	12	12	DNS	DNS	DNS	39
14	T Day &	Welton	4045	DNS	DNS	12	RTD	DNS	42

*Jon Willars takes the Trophy only secured in an exciting last race with Dave Butler coming second and Graham Watts third overall.*

Fourteen Miracles attend their Open Meeting at Welton sailing with 5 races over 2 days with good weather and winds.

**Race 1** got off with a clean start in a Force 3 to 4, North Easterly with Jon Willars (3834) first at the end of the first beat with Dave Butler (4060) close behind and Ben Williamson (4009) third. By the end of the first lap Butler had got past Willars and Wayne Atherton (3383) third but by the end of the second lap Graham Watts (3813) had taken over at third place. However, by the end of the race Atherton had got third place back. Butler went on to pull out a good lead to take the gun from Willars with Atherton third.

**Race 2** With roughly the same wind as the first race, hot competition resulted in a general recall but all got away cleanly on the second start. Butler took a 720 penalty on the first beat and dropped several places. Willars was first up the first beat with Williamson in second and Richard Wharram (3645) in third. Butler worked his way through the fleet to be

the first up the third beat but was overtaken by Willars who took the gun with Watts in second and Butler third

**Race 3** got off to a clean start with a force 4 to 5 wind from the south that gradually veered during the race to SW. Butler was first up the beat with Watts and Willars in close pursuit. At the end of the first lap Willars was first with Richard Brameld (4115) second and Williamson third. These positions remained the same up to the end of the second lap. However, some administrative and competitor misunderstandings regarding a late change in the course while afloat, resulted in Butler and Watts sailing an extra leg on the first lap. They lost several places despite managing to make up a few later in the race. This was corrected following a protest challenge and it was mutually agreed that average points would be awarded to them.

**Race 4** The wind freshened to Force 5 and veered during the race to end up due west. All competitors searching for a good start resulted in a general recall but all got away cleanly at the second attempt. Atherton led up the first beat with Butler followed by Brameld not far behind. Positions changed regularly with Butler finally taking first position with Atherton and Willars in second and third places respectively.

**Race 5** was particularly interesting as the winner of the meeting was to be either Willars or Butler depending on their fortunes in this final race. There was close racing all the way round with Willars quickest up the first beat with Williamson in second and Butler third. Just before the start of the second beat, Willars and Williamson had held their positions but Butler had got blanketed going down a spinnaker broad reach and lost his third place to Brameld. As the wind was dropping, the course was shortened to 2 laps with Willars in first place, Brameld had climbed up to second and Williamson third with Butler fourth.

As a result, Willars was the overall winner of the open meeting.

Overall it was a very well sailed and enjoyable meeting with good weather and as usual wonderful food and cakes all facilitated by the many volunteers.

*John Banks, Welton Sailing Club*