

RACE REPORT – Sunday, 25th March

Spring Points 1 (inc 1st Laser & Fireball Sunday) Handicap Series 1 – Race One

It was great to see so many boats turn up for the first racing of the season, 18 in total. The wind was light and variable and the afternoon soon brightened up and was quite warm and sunny.

The new starting system of 5, 4, 1, off, seemed to work very well and the new start boards were a great improvement. The one minute signal seemed to encourage everyone to get nearer to the start line. In fact so close that we actually had a General Recall in the second race for the first time since I don't know when !

The first race saw the beginning of the short series of Laser and Fireball Sundays. The Fireball fleet was a little depleted as Malc X decided to defect to the other side (though I'm not complaining as I got a great crew out of it!), Dave Islin was unfortunately laid up with the dreaded lurgy and Dave Wellum turned up without his spinnaker just when I had a crack crew lined up for him in the shape of Ron Suffield – well sort of crack crew !

Anyway, congratulations to Malcolm Cross who won the first Spring Points race in the Medium/Slow Handicap thereby also winning a very competitive laser race. It was the dynamic duo of Mike Bryant and Keith Taft who took the honours in the Fireball fleet – well done !

Mark Batt and Barry Sadler sailed extremely well in their Kestrel to win the first Spring Points in the Fast Handicap.

Congratulations also to Paul Church who won the first Handicap Race of the season making a guest appearance sailing a Laser.

For full results, please see Club website at www.harlow-blackwater-sailing-club.co.uk

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Please Note

It is extremely important that you sign on and off after racing. This year we are tightening up this so please ensure that yourself or your crew sign on legibly with a correct sail number on the appropriate sheet in the Lobby before racing. Don't forget to sign off after the racing so we can check that all boats are back safely.

I have also asked the Race Officers to be a little more vigilant on the start line so beware !