

## Whitlingham Cup 2017

Unfortunately, due to various reasons, a few boats had to pull out of the event at the last minute. Which left 7 boats coming to the start line. This however made for a friendly and relaxed atmosphere amongst the competitors who all seemed to enjoy the day's sailing.

With a testing SW wind PRO Rick Buxton set a triangular Starboard rounding Course which gave lighter winds at the windward mark nearer the bank and a good run in fresher winds at the far side of the course.

From the start it was obvious that the front runners for the event would be Phil Holliday, Alf Reynolds and Vinnie Zammit. Also going well were Rob Owen in a borrowed boat and Tony Garner who unfortunately had to retire at lunchtime with Radio problems.

At lunch the leading three skippers were Vinnie 1st, Phil 2<sup>nd</sup> and Alf 3<sup>rd</sup>.

After lunch the wind picked up and made for some good sailing and 16 races were sailed in the day.

It was nice to see some sportsmanship in the event. Unfortunately prior to race 8 Vinnie dipped his new transmitter in the lake and it promptly gave in. However both Phil and Alf offered their spare transmitters to him which allowed him to carry on sailing.

Principle winners on the day were Vinnie 9 races, Phil 4 races and Alf 3 races.

The above positions were also the first 3 at the end of the day.

A big thank you to Rick and his team of helpers for running a good and very relaxed event.