

8 sailors from as many clubs across the country visited Norwich Model Yacht Club for round 4 of the PRAAC series on the 21st May. The sailors were greeted with sunshine and a light and sometimes moderate south westerly blowing across Whitlingham Broad.

Race officer for the day Duncan Ellis and his team got racing under way setting a starboard triangle course of 2 rounds followed by a beat to the finish.

The morning saw tight racing amongst the entire fleet with Bob Conner from Woodspring, Bernie Guest from the local Broads Radio Yacht Club, Dave Stewart from Ashton Quays and Bob Pearson from Gosport all winning races before the lunch break keeping the results tight for the afternoon racing. Mid-morning as the wind moved slightly more westerly the race team were able to change the course to a preferred port hand triangle course which stayed for the rest of the day.

The afternoon racing got underway and the race wins were shared by Conner, Stewart, Pearson again along with Damian Ackroyd from Leeds and Bradford and John White from Bideford.

Richard Aucott from Sedgemoor continued with his consistency posting several results in the top 3 throughout the day and Terry Connell from Eastbourne also showed good speed leading some of the racing in the afternoon and was unlucky not to take a race win.

With six sailors getting race wins through the day shows just how close the racing proved to be.

The wind started to drop at the end of the day so the race team shortened the length of the course for the final races before the wind disappeared completely.

So after a good days racing Bob Conner took the win on 30 points followed by Bernie Guest on 38 points with Dave Stewart and Richard Aucott tied on 40 points with Stewart's race wins edging him ahead of Aucott in the final results.

Duncan Ellis
PRO