

Chew Ladies Day 2014

Chew Ladies Day 2014 was blessed with great sailing conditions! The morning cloud cleared to provide sunshine and 7-14mph westerly breezes. The morning offered training and friendly sailing activities. The afternoon brought similar conditions for none less than the Ladies Trophy Race! And for some lovely cruising too. The Race Management Team of Rob Mitchell, Steve Turner, Allen Marsh and Gus Cameron delivered superb racing and a fantastic course!



'The Ladies and Race Management Team'

11 very accomplished lady sailors battled it out for the Ladies trophy. The trophy really is very elegant and eye catching; particularly after being so beautifully polished and returned by 2013 winner Primrose Salt (thanks Primrose!).



'The Ladies Race Trophy'

This year's deserving winner was **Helen Martin** in her Laser Radial. Helen revelled in the shifty conditions and was the outstanding sailor on the day. Well done Helen!

The 2014 podium positions had some new faces from last year. With Laura Smith and Sarah Tauwhare taking second and third respectively in their Laser Radials. Hilary Ross was the first Byte of three in 6th place overall and well done to Sian Macdonald for representing the Toppers.



'The Prize Winners'

(Left to right): Sarah Tauwhare, Jan Frayne, Helen Martin, Laura Smith (and young Jessica Smith), Hilary Ross, Sian McDonald

A few paraphrased snippets from the lead sailors:

Helen Martin:

"It was shifty out there! I felt that the port end had been quite favoured in the pre-start, but that in the final few minutes the wind veered and mid to starboard end probably had the advantage. Laura really had me worried upwind! It was only really the final lap when I perhaps played the shifts a little better that I got away."

Laura Smith:

'I am so pleased! I have never got a prize for sailing before! The wind seemed to be coming more from the left hand side on the last third of the beat, but it was also very easy to go too far left and overstand the (port) lay-line. I felt that the start-line was marginal enough to opt for a clear run at the less congested starboard end; that way I could be more confident of being able to tack when I needed too. I had a good plan and am pleased with how I sailed.'

Sarah Tauwhare:

'I am chuffed with that!' 'The wind and race length were such that you could give it your all for the whole race and that is exactly what I did'. I had really close tactical racing with Jan and Rosie and it was a lot of fun'.

FINAL RESULTS

Position	Name	Class
1	Helen Martin	Laser Radial
2	Laura Smith	Laser Radial
3	Sarah Tauwhare	Laser Radial
4	Jan Frayne	Laser Radial
5	Rosie Bowers	Laser Radial
6	Hilary Ross	Byte
7	Cathy Bartram	Byte
8	Sian McDonald	Topper
9	Primrose Salt	Byte
10	Jane Bassett	Laser Radial
11 (and Endeavour)	Sue Cooke	Laser Radial

After sailing the racers, cruisers and race team congregated for much deserved and delicious tea and cake and prize giving. Donations to the Ewings Sarcoma Research Trust were boosted, by the sale of remaining cakes on Sunday, to a total of £100.00. Thanks to everyone for your support.



