**SPRING SERIES WRAP**

The Sunday Spring series saw some great racing with a variety of winds.

**Gold, Silver and Bronze Fleets**

The Bronze fleet was led from the start by Duncan Adams who won relatively easy from a persistent Dave Bexson. The battle for third place was close and came down to the last race with Jon Adams, Richard Savage and Iona Reid all in with a chance of third place and the final promotion place. Iona Reid sailed great race and gained third place and joins Duncan and Dave in the Silver Fleet for 2018

**Bronze Fleet**

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| 1st | Duncan Adams | Phantom | Promoted to Silver Fleet |
| 2nd | Dave Bexson | Supernova | Promoted to Silver Fleet |
| 3rd | Iona Reid | Topper 4.2 | Promoted to Silver Fleet |
| 4th | Richard Savage | Laser | |
| 5th | John Adams | RS300 | |
| 6th | Mike Leach | Laser Radial | |
| 7th | Nick Colbeck | Graduate | |
| 8th | Sam Lowe | Laser | |
| 9th | Don Bishop | Comet | |
| 10th | Paul Smith | Comet | |

The silver fleet was dominated by two sailors who were relegated from the Gold fleet last season. The fleet was easily won by Ray Kemish who won five of the eight races sailed and cements his position as most improved sailor in 2017. Jill Reid had an excellent series with mainly top three results and was assured of second place with two races to sail. With one race to sail, third place was between Louis Mok, Malcolm Davidson and Dennis and Janice King. A second place in the last race assured the Kings of the final podium place and promotion. The relegation places were filled by three sailors who sailed four races between them so racking up some impressive DNCs meant their fate was sealed.

**Silver Fleet**

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| 1st | Ray Kemish | Laser | Promoted to Gold Fleet |
| 2nd | Jill Reid | Laser Radial | Promoted to Gold Fleet |
| 3rd | Dennis King | Lark | Promoted to Gold Fleet |
| 4th | Malcolm Davidson | Comet | |
| 5th | Louis Mok | Radial | |
| 6th | Nick Marlow | Lark | |
| 7th | Brendan McGrath | Laser | |
| 8th | Roger Chilvers | Comet | Relegated to Bronze Fleet |
| 9th | Jeff Marshall | Laser Radial | Relegated to Bronze Fleet |
| 10th | Nick Turnbull-Ross | Laser | Relegated to Bronze Fleet |

As in previous seasons the Gold fleet was highly competitive overall, although Mike Pritchard did win overall with two races to sail and this retain the Gold fleet title. The remaining places came down to the final race with Kevin last eventually coming second with Rob Corner third. As in the Silver fleet, too many DNCs lead to relegation and this was the fate of Andrew Beaumont, Josie Adams and Keith

Brereton who will start next season in the Silver fleet, although paul Jago was in the mix until the final race. Keith's relegation means only three sailors have remained in the Gold fleet over the last six years; Mike Pritchard, Kevin Milton and Roger Day; all Masters!

**Gold Fleet**

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| 1st | Mike Pritchard | Laser | |
| 2nd | Kevin Last | Supernova | |
| 3rd | Rob Corner | Supernova | |
| 4th | Roger Day | Supernova | |
| 5th | Kevin Milton | Phantom | |
| 6th | Bob Cuerstemont | Supernova | |
| 7th | Paul Jago | Comet | |
| 8th | Andrew Beaumont | Comet | Relegated to Silver Fleet |
| 9th | Josie Adams | Comet | Relegated to Silver Fleet |
| 10th | Keith Brereton | Phantom | Relegated to Silver Fleet |

The results for the combined GSB fleets was closer and results are below:

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| 1st | Mike Pritchard | 12.5pts |
| 2nd | Duncan Adams | 15.0pts |
| 3rd | Kevin Last | 15.0pts |
| 4th | Ray Kemish | 16.3pts |
| 5th | Rob Corner | 22.0pts |

**Fast and Slow Fleets**

The Fast fleet was won easily by Kevin Last who won five of the six races e started so getting perfect score of five points overall. The battle for the other podium places was closer with Duncan Adams coming second from Bob Cuerstemont.

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| 1st | Kevin Last | 5pts |
| 2nd | Duncan Adams | 12.5pts |
| 3rd | Bob Cuerstemont | 14pts |
| 4th | Roger Day | 16pts |
| 5th | Kevin Milton | 18pts |

The Slow Fleet had many entries but only three boats raced enough not to count a DNC. The battle for first place was only decided in the last race as the two Laser sailors, Ray Kemish and Mike Pritchard battled it out. Ray needed to win the last race to win overall but was thwarted by Paul Jago winning which meant Mike Pritchard won overall by 0.5pts from Ray with Malcolm Davidson third.

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| 1st | Mike Pritchard | 7pts |
| 2nd | Ray Kemish | 7.5pts |
| 3rd | Malcolm Davidson | 20pts |
| 4th | Andrew Beaumont | 63pts |
| 5th | Paul Smith | 66pts |

Mike Pritchard
9th July 2017