

Report from Overy Staithe Sailing Club races

A grey day greeted the Allcomers fleet as they launched, missing the moored boats, groynes and sandbanks as we sailed out to the sea. It was a blustery day, and even before the start Jack Gore capsized.

The course was a Triangle-sausage, and we set off 5 minutes after the National 12s. All the Lasers - except Graham Ireland - started at the pin end, with the RS200 of Hugh and Anya Jones and Ian Bradley (streaker 2121) also at that end. Sam Davy and Jack Gore started in the middle of the line, with the rest of the boats the committee boat end.

Sam Davy quickly pulled out a lead, with the Laser Radials of Andrew Hewitt and Richard Major engaged in a tight fight. George Finch got his mainsheet wrapped around the windward mark, capsizing and expending lots of energy untangling and getting the boat upright before eventually retiring. Hugh and Anna Jones ended up upside down at the leeward mark, joined by Graham Ireland on the last lap when he was hit by a gust whilst gybing. Overall, Andrew Hewitt won, with Richard Major in second and Ian Bradley in third.

--Jack Gore



