



# Cygnets Model Boat Club Maidstone

## I.C. Sports Trophy, 2009 - Round 2

Thanks to Matt Mock who kindly provided the editorial:

We have so far had our first two rounds of the season. (Well three by the time you are reading this, but Bow Wave deadlines were looming). We have slightly altered the system for scoring, and have added another trophy to aim for. We agreed to run two races of each class, and to accumulate the scores of the .25 class as usual, but to treat the .12 class as two separate races. Those with the most race wins at the end of the season would take the trophy. This year, I asked the others if we might accumulate the scores for the .12s over the whole season, thus running a separate competition. It was not given bad press, so I will run the scores alongside the normal competition and see what happens, as I believe that having two challenges gives a wider chance to those not so experienced or indeed lucky whilst out on the water. This extra challenge will be to see who ends up with the highest overall number of laps at the end of the season. The reason to treat the .12s as two separate races is to give more chance for people to be successful in the overall laps challenge.

Well, if anyone is going to have bad luck, they may as well get it over as early in the season as possible. During the first race of the season in March, Paul was fine tuning his boat when it decided not to respond to transmitter input, and beached itself onto our concrete compound. We could see that the throttle linkage had broken in the open position, allowing the boat to accelerate towards us. The resultant smash is one ruined hull and minor damage to some of the rudder linkage.

We had enough spotters for this first race meet of the season, which allowed us to race four at once. This is unusual, as we normally have to keep a look out for each other. It is surprising how much room is lost with just two extra boats on the circuit, especially at speed. There were incidents galore. Mick Pain broke down twice, he also collided with myself, killing me dead in the water. Laurie's boat stopped for no apparent reason, and Paul was still nursing a broken hull shore side.

The second meeting in May threw up its first problem, when we realised that Mike Potter was on another of his exotic holidays somewhere. Mike always brings the scoring equipment, and guess what, we didn't even have a pen between us. Having scrounged the necessary, racing got underway. You can see by the scores that things were a lot closer than our last encounter, but Laurie was still plagued by misfortune and limped home. The second race with the .25s saw Laurie come in second to Paul, with Mick trailing by fifteen laps due to another mishap. Laurie pulled out of the second race, leaving Mick and Paul to do battle. As usual, Mick pulled back lap after lap, but the designated run time of ten minutes was to be against him. Paul won by two laps.

IC racing demands many things, but the two most important are reliability and consistency both in driving and maintaining your boat. There is a wealth of experience within our section of the club, as the rest of the guys have been doing this for quite a few years now. If you want to know more, pop on down to the lake on a Saturday morning, it is always nice to see new faces.

Matt.

### Accumulated laps trophy 12's

March      April      May      June      July      Aug      Sept      Oct

<b>Laurie</b>	21	54
Acu Total	21	75

<b>Mike</b>	61	Holiday
Acu Total	61	61

<b>Matt</b>	66	74
Acu Total	66	140

<b>Mick</b>	34	82
Acu Total	34	116

<b>Paul</b>	0	63
Acu Total	0	63

**Race wins 12s**

<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
Matt	Mick			
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<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>		

**Race wins 25s**

<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
Mike	Paul			
<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>		