

Match/Team Racing Sept 4th 2011

(Report by Tony Thresher)

Six teams entered WOSC's Annual Match & Team racing event sailed in a variable NW wind. Two square courses were set up, one port hand for the Wayfarer Match racing and one starboard hand for the Topper Team racing. The six teams were then divided into two flights of three, Walter's Trio, Anything and George 1 sailing a round robin team racing Toppers, and Guy Baxter, Russell's Rockets and Team 8 match racing Wayfarers. Once completed the flights then changed boats and format and completed a further round robin.

By lunchtime a total of 12 races had been sailed and total wins for each team added up. Team 8 had a perfect score of 4 wins out of 4 with Walter's Trio and George 1 having achieved 3 wins a piece. Guy Baxter managed a win in the Toppers and Russell's Rockets a win in the Wayfarers. Anything would do anything for a win at the half way mark!

So the top three teams went into one flight and the others into another and a further series of match and team races were sailed and wins added onto the teams' previous wins. Team 8 remained undefeated with a further 4 wins putting them straight through to both the Topper team racing final and the Wayfarer match racing final. Russell's Rockets with three wins in the Wayfarers qualified for the final but the other finalist in the Toppers needed a sail off between Walter's Trio and Guy Baxter resulting in a win for Walter's Trio in an increasing breeze and sending them through to the Topper final.

Team 8 went into the Wayfarer match racing final confident of winning, which turned out to be justified although Russell's Rockets pushed them hard all the way finishing just a boat length behind.

So to the final race of the day between the youthful Team 8 and the 'experience' of Walter's Trio. Team 8 were out manoeuvred at the start and Walter's Trio went into a 1, 2 winning position. Their third boat then proceeded to make sure they could not be challenged resulting in an unlikely defeat for Team 8, their only one of the day.

Team 8 were crowned champions for the day with most wins in both Team and Match racing and winning the Match racing final. Walter's Trio finished 2nd overall with 5 wins in the round robins and were crowned Topper Team racing Champions. Did team Anything win anything in the end? The answer is yes. They beat Russell's Rockets in a Topper Team race proving that everyone's a winner at WOSC!

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Results

Round Robin

	Team Name	Match wins	Team wins
Team A	Walter's Trio	2	3
Team B	Anything	0	1
Team C	George 1	2	1
Team E	Guy Baxter	1	3
Team F	Russell's Rockets	3	0
Team G	Team 8	4	4

Finals

Match Final Winners
Team Final Winners

Team 8
Walter's Trio

Participants

Walter's Trio	Tony Hayes, Walter Smillie, David Roberts, Ross Lonsdale
Anything	Oemer & Chandara Olgunsoy, Rob Hoare, Laura Hutchins, Steven Payne
George 1	George Edmundson, Lucia Winrow, Graham Moore
Guy Baxter	Alexander Baxter, Guy Shaw, Mike Radford
Russell's Rockets	Sue & John Russell, Barry Buzzard
Team 8	Emily Herridge, Tom Lonsdale, Richard Burton