

## RC Laser TT Series Round 5 RO Report

It's been a long time since Lincoln Model Yacht Club hosted an open event, this is the first since becoming part of Hykeham Sailing Club. Our membership proved



sufficiently willing to provide a race committee with some experience of national open events; in fact the level of support from volunteers was excellent and much appreciated.

A reasonable SW wind allowed for a windward /

leeward course and a reasonable beat. The wind veered South and West during the day, making the beat quite a challenge at times. Strength varied too, giving more than one skipper something of a headache with rig changes.

Fifteen very friendly skippers representing at least eight different clubs started the first race. These boats are closely matched, fifteen boats descending on the first mark in close proximity is quite a sight and not too easy to judge for the skippers. It's a testament to their ability and temperament that incidents were rare and mostly sorted out on the water.

Two laps of the course soon became three as the wind picked up. By the time we broke for lunch eight races had been completed with very few delays; on target for the sixteen needed to allow three discards. Races continued to flow well after lunch, although hampered slightly by tangles, lost keels and other mechanical retirements that kept Edwin and the rescue boat busy at times. Race seventeen finished the day off nicely and saw John Tushingam take the win in commanding fashion from Nick Milton and Martin Lambert.



Despite the fact that John ran away with it the racing was pretty close. Five different skippers managed at least one win, eight unique skippers managed a second place and all bar one skipper broke into single figures at least once.

Full results and a selection of photos can be found on the LMYC web site:  
<http://www.lmyc.no-ip.co.uk/>

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