

Scow Division visit Beaulieu River SC for return match

Friday 2nd September saw seven Scows from the RLymYC loaded onto trailers for the short trip to Needs Ore on the Beaulieu River, summer headquarters for the BRSC. The occasion was the second leg of the newly-constituted sailing match between the two Clubs, both of which race Lymington Scows built by local builder John Claridge.

Conditions were nearly perfect (apart from the persistent light rain). The tide was high, the wind stayed just the right side of 20 knots from the SW and the current was fairly predictable. BRSC turned out 10 boats so 17 came to the line for the first of two races. First around the windward mark was John Evans from the RLym with local Eric Williams second. Williams took the lead after the downwind legs and finished first with Evans second and BRSC's Jay Devonshire third.



The course was changed for the second race which turned into a tussle between Williams, Devonshire, Evans and RLym sailor Dick Moore. Devonshire led at the windward mark from Evans and Moore. At the leeward mark Williams moved into second place behind Evans and Devonshire was fourth. On the upwind legs to the finish Williams took the lead and Devonshire moved up to second with Evans third. Close racing and enormous fun.

Back ashore the racers were treated to a splendid BBQ lunch prepared outside by some of the BRSC Ladies who bravely withstood the quite heavy rain. BRSC Scow Captain Rupert Scott thanked all concerned and presented prizes to Eric Williams and to John Evans and Jay Devonshire who shared second place. All agreed that the match should be sailed again next year.

