

Bala Massacre Pursuit Race

11th March 2007

Sunday morning found Bala lake in cold and blustery conditions and sited on the very edge of a low pressure ridge where 50+ mph winds were only a short distance to the west with gusts of 30mph already on the lake.

In view of the conditions and forecast the Race Officer reduced the race duration from its normal 3 hours down to 2 which seemed to go down very well with the competitors.

A relatively simple course was set at the North end of the lake where spectators could admire the competitors' skills from the warmth of the clubhouse.

Fifteen hardy souls took to the water with the first off being a Topper sailed by Sarah Wilde from the home club. She was followed by Lasers, Blaze, B14 and last but not least a couple of 49r's who had travelled down from Delph Sailing Club.

The wind strength took its toll on both crews and equipment with broken booms, racks and a snapped mast on the B14 which happened as they were blasting downwind under gennicker towards the very end of the race.

Regular swims were the order of the day for many entrants and congratulations must go to the five boats who actually managed to complete the race.

1 st	Nick Holt and Derek Hill	RS400	Blackpool & Fleetwood
2 nd	Nick Miller	Blaze	Glasson
3 rd	Neil Skellan	Laser	Leigh & Lowton
4 th	William Hitchman	Laser Radial	Bala
5 th	Wendy Hitchman	Laser Radial	Bala

Dave Eccles

Race Results

11/03/20 12:00

Race ID: 3

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Helm	Crew	Class	Club	Sail No	PY		Pos
N Holt	D Hill	RS 400	Blackpool & Fleetwo	1189	952		1
N Miller		Blaze	Glasson	740	1047		2
N Skellan		Laser	Leigh & Lowton	170471	1078		3
Wi Hitchman		Laser Radial	Bala	170440	1101		4
W Hitchman		Laser Radial	Bala	160495	1101		5
S Evans	S Cronsha	49ER	Delph	681	747	RTD	16
C Pickles	M Sharma	49ER	Delph	200	747	RTD	16
A Bennet	M	B14	Etherow	729	880	RTD	16
J Ainsworth		Blaze	Weaver	656	1047	RTD	16
D Wall		Blaze	Bala	686	1047	RTD	16
C Candish		Laser	Leigh & Lowton	173780	1078	RTD	16
R Wilde	J Wilde	Laser 2000	Bala	2914	1089	RTD	16
A Homer	M Edward	RS 400	Rya	1258	952	RTD	16
S Wilde		Topper	Bala	58253	1290	RTD	16

Notes: Corrected Time is in decimal mins, RTD: Retired, DNS: Did Not Start, DSQ: Disqualified, PMS: Premature Start