

## Flying Fifteens at Dovestone Sailing Club

With light and variable winds, sunshine and mild temperatures, Dovestone Sailing Club hosted an enjoyable final event of the 2016 Waples Wines Northern Travellers series over the weekend of 1-2 October.

A good turnout from the home fleet, together with a smattering of visitors from Windermere, Bassenthwaite, RCYC and Burton sailing clubs, saw 16 boats on the water for the first race. In a competitive start to a course which covered the length and breadth of the reservoir, Steve Goacher with crew Tim Harper of Royal Windermere, were judged OCS by Officer of the Day Mark Rhan. Tight racing among the rest of the fleet saw Dovestone SC's Andy McKee and Chris Massey (3805) in first place, with David and Sally Mckee (4005) a close second and Mike Moore with crew Kayla Sheard (3996) from Bassenthwaite in third at the end of the first encounter of the meeting.

Post-lunch Race 2 in similar winds was super close with a boat length finish between Andy McKee (1st), David McKee (2nd) and Steve Goacher (3<sup>rd</sup>). Great racing too from DSC's Rod Rowlands in FF Classic 496. Setting the scene for final Race 3 of the day, with Andy McKee never seriously challenged for first place from the windward mark, an improving performance from series sponsor Justin Waples with young DSC crew Andrew Robinson in second, and Steve Goacher in third.

Dovestone SC produced its usual enjoyable evening entertainment in the clubhouse, with wine tasting courtesy of Waples Wine, followed by supper and games – including the Pennine favourite of competitive nail-knocking with the thin end of a hammer...



Day two of the open meeting dawned sunny with a light breeze. The full fleet assembled early to catch the best of the wind with two back-back races in the morning. Steve Goacher led from the start of Race 4, but confusion about the finish line meant he was pushed into third place by Justin Waples and David Mckee who nipped passed to take first and second places respectively. Race 4 followed on quickly, with David Mckee taking an early lead only to become becalmed on the run

back to the clubhouse in weakening winds. A close battle for the finish with McKees senior and junior chasing Steve Goacher who won out at the last.

Overall results are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> 3805 Andy McKee and Chris Massey Dovestone SC  
2<sup>nd</sup> 4005 David and Sally McKee Dovestone SC  
3<sup>rd</sup> 4021 Steve Goacher and Tim Harper RWYC

1<sup>st</sup> Silver 3391 Colin Pierce and Mandy Thackray Dovestone SC

1<sup>st</sup> Classic sail no 0-2000  
496 Rod Rowlands and Isaac Marsh Dovestone SC

1<sup>st</sup> Classic sail no 2001-2700  
2620 Dave Naylor and Norman Christie Dovestone SC



Andy McKee and Chris Massey receive their trophy from DSC Commodore Andy Hurley

The full results available here;