

## **RS200 Wigmore Trophy at Itchenor Sailing Club**

The Wigmore Trophy was closely fought for by fifteen boats from the Itchenor RS200 fleet over the 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June in Chichester Harbour. Five races back-to-back on Saturday and five on Sunday brought the fleet closer and closer together as the races proceeded with much jostling for the marks as boat handling and boat speed improved.

The breeze tested everyone, including Alastair Shaw, our excellent Race Officer, on Saturday as it varied from almost nothing to a brisk 18 knots and backed throughout the day. It took some time to get the second race under way, particularly after a general recall, but eventually all races averaging 20 minutes to half-an-hour were achieved, with George Yeoman and Georgie Akin-Smith being the most consistent leaders after the first day. Unfortunately imminent exams prevented them sailing on Sunday.

Sunday's breeze was much more stable and a perfect strength which gave much closer racing and there was no time for a breather between each race. With consistent sailing all weekend, Chris Fox and his wife were worthy winners of the trophy, with Andy Fitzgerald and Louise Dowson beaten into second place by only one point. David Patient and Clare Senior were third.