

**OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SAILING SOCIETY vs ITCHENOR (SWALLOWS)
6th JUNE 2010.**

The annual match between the Itchenor SC's Swallow fleet and the O&CSS took place this year in the usual sunny weather of early June.

It is now three in a row for Itchenor! The OCSS team included two sailors from the International 14 fleet in the hope that some Fourteen speed would be imported. Alas it was not to be. The story must be told.

Race Officer Jim Jerwood managed to find a quiet-ish corner of Chichester Harbour at low water on a busy Sunday. He set a short windward-leeward course tucked up against the Itchenor shore in the Gallon Reach, beating with the tide and in a force 3-4. Itchenor started well (as they would for most of the races) and won the first race convincingly. Race 2 went to the Society, Race 3 switched back to Itchenor (with a couple of boats taking a long time to return from their OCS). The wind had by now swung to the South, and Jim reset the course across the channel for Race 4, in which the Society contrived to turn a strong winning to position into defeat in the last short beat. An event of the morning was a general recall – has there ever been one in team racing before? So 3-1 to the hosts at the break! Beers and an excellent lunch followed.

The beat out in the afternoon was a bit wetter than expected. Yes, the wind had come up. Race 5 went convincingly to Itchenor, after which the two team captains - both careful and prudent boat-owners - conferred, concluded that it was just that little bit too windy for close quarters team racing and called the racing to a halt. Back to tea in the sunshine and presentation of the Stewart Morris Trophy to Itchenor – for the third year running.

The teams were as ever grateful to the owners who had lent the boats – Archon, Migrant Solitude, Curlew, Avocet, Spectre and to the minders who sailed.

The Society thanks the Itchenor Swallow fleet for excellent sailing and sportsmanship, to Jim Jerwood for managing the racing so well. The Society looks forward to having another go next year.

Teams:

Itchenor - Joanna Brigg, Carolyn Brigg, John Houghton, Guy Knight, Simon Slater, Richard Thompson (capt.).

Oxford and Cambridge Sailing Society - John Aston, Nigel Masding, Robin Nott, Katie Nurton, Roger Palmer, Andrew Reid (capt.).

AMR 11.06.10