



## MPBA FAST ELECTRIC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004

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#### Eco Expert (11 entries) 4 heats

1 <sup>st</sup>	Stephe Hart	70laps	.08 seconds	(best heat 36 – 03)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Watson	63	.07	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roger Cumbers	63	.11	

Other competitors . Vaughan Miller. Steve Raynor. Nick Rees. Rueben Rees. Bob Yates. Andy Hassan. Bill Addison. George Roberts.

Stephe Harts boat flew around the triangle and never looked like flipping or spinning in the windy conditions. He was pushed hard by 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> placed boats but he always looked like winning the class. Very good racing to watch.

#### Eco Standard (7 entries) 3 heats

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nick Rees	78 laps	13 seconds	(best heat 40.03)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Watson	73	30	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stephe Hart	70	05	

Nick Rees always looked like winning this class and was not really pushed in any heat. That said the remainder were very competitive and it was a good race to watch.

Other competitors . Steve Raynor. Andy Hassan. Tim Watson. Ian Severs.

#### Mono 1 (6 entries)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ken Brown	35laps	10 seconds	(best heat 18- 09)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Yates	34	08	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Heaton	31	20	

Ken Brown won this class for third successive year with an epoxy Eagle and a Mega motor. There was not a great deal between all the boats but Kens Eagle was fast and very stable in the windy conditions. Bob Yates had a real chance of beating Ken until the last heat when he had a bit of a disaster leaving Ken to bring the field home.

Other Competitors. Ian Williams. Trevor Goodinson. Ian Phillips.

### **Mono 2 Restricted** (6 entries)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Simon Mitchell	35 laps	45 seconds	(best heat 18 -18)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joe Read	34	26	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Yates	29	27	

The 700 BB turbo class remains popular and the boats are fast. This was a very competitive class with most of the boats handling the windy conditions very well.

### **Mono 2 Open** (6 entries)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Simon Mitchell	39 laps-	22 seconds.	(Best heat 20-21)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bill Addison	39	- 35	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Yates	30	- 11	

13 seconds separated boats 1 & 2 after 3 heats! That's what you call close racing. It was interesting that there were very few if any racing accidents due to all the drivers knowing their craft.

Other competitors. Trevor Goodinson. Ian Williams. Nigel Murgatroyd.

### **Hydro 2** (6 entries)

1 <sup>st</sup>	David Baker	30 laps	03seconds	(Best heat 15- 01)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Yates	30	28	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	George Roberts	24	51	

The competition between the first 2 boats was very good to watch. During the last 2 years David has been virtually unbeatable and it was interesting to see how he would cope with Bob Yates who is a very experienced driver and always has his boat set up correctly. The final scores show there was nothing really much in it but David just had the slight edge. Excellent racing.

Other competitors. Ian Severs. Ian Williams. Vaughan Miller.

### **Mono 3** (4 entries)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Heaton	45laps –	66	(Best heat 23 -44)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Simon Mitchell	41	- 22	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bill Addison	39	- 09	

This class was a Bury Club benefit as all four competitors were from that club. The four drivers put on a good show with some class driving. No quarter asked or given but no accidents. High speed racing with 4 drivers who know what they are doing. Top class stuff.

Other competitor. Joe Read.

### **Formula 1** (3 entries)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nick Rees	33 laps	19 seconds	(best heat 18-18)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roger Cumbers	31	-31	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vaughan Miller	30	-41	

Three seasoned drivers gave a good display of close racing and although there were only three boats in the class it was interesting to see how fast these submerged drive boats can go. Nick Rees clocked up 18 laps in one heat going around an M course. Basically that course is the same as the surface drive oval course with a chicane thrown in. He did the same laps as the Mono 2 restricted boats. He proved that submerged drive boats can be fast.

### **Formula 2** (5 entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Nick Rees 33laps -12 seconds (best heat 17-09)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Hassan. 30 – 31  
3<sup>rd</sup> Stephe Hart 25 – 04

Nick is at home on an M course as he is on a triangle and although a couple of heats were competitive he had the job in hand. Stephe Hart came closest to beating him in heat 1 when 1 second separated the 2 boats!

Other competitors. Steve Raynor. Ian Severs.

### **ECO TEAM**

Winning team. **The Three Sabres.** 93 laps in 18 minutes

Stephe Hart. Roger Cumbers. Bob Yates.

This team proved to be the class act. Tight driving with boats that were well set up and ran the distance. They deserved to win.

2<sup>nd</sup> Eco Warriors. Andy Hassan. Steve Raynor. Vaughan Miller.

3<sup>rd</sup> Concorde. Nick Rees. Tom Watson. Tim Watson.

This class is very good to watch.

### **FM400** (7 entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Joe read 39 laps -22seconds (best heat 20 -15)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Watson 38 13  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ian Phillips 32 24

Other competitors: Ian Williams. Roger Cumbers. Tim Watson. George Roberts. Luke Burton (Jnr)

Despite the windy conditions these small boats ran well and the competition was close. Joe reads surface drive mini sprint was too fast the others. Luke who is I believe under 10 drove very well for a beginner keeping to a straight line without worrying about any one else. He did not inconvenience anyone and was a picture of concentration; one to watch for the future.

General comments.

Once again the Bridlington club provided excellent facilities and there is little doubt that the venue is just about the best in the UK

Special thanks must go to Ken Smailes starter /timer. John Foster lap counter. Dave Markham stats recorder. Joan Markham who extracted maximum amounts of cash for the raffle. Mike & Denise who looked after the refreshments for the weekend. Ian Phillips Sec of Bridlington MBS for ensuring the site was well prepared and set up. All members of Bridlington MBS who helped make it such a good event.

There was a very good mix of competitors from the north and the south of the country and with the exception of a couple of people who could have influenced the outcome of the racing most of the UK's top drivers were present: as one says you have to be in it to win it. I enjoyed being Race controller/meeting Director and have agreed to do it again 2005.

A big thanks to all competitors some of whom had a long drive home.

On the Saturday evening the Fast Electric Section AGM was held and a report on that will be published separately.