

Vareos at Roadford , Gul Grand Prix June 25/26



Andrew Wilson (583) & Richard Willows (559) downwind on Sunday Race1

559 flying the new spinnaker

5 Vareos attended the Gul event at Roadford, a very disappointing turnout for a new event put on for the boats in the SW, particularly as conditions were the best so far this year, slightly cloudy initially on Saturday, but finishing under clear skies, but sparkling conditions on Sunday, with winds on both days slightly shifty, but gusting to a good force 4 most of the time. Race 1 started with a close first beat with Andrew Wilson just first at the windward mark, followed by Richard Willows who harried him down the run, forcing him to gybe a fraction too quickly resulting in a capsize. Willows sailed comfortably to the finish, with Wilson catching up to second place. The next two races showed a familiar pattern, with Wilson determine to avoid further error, leading both races off the line, followed by Willows, with Geoff Shaw & Ken Myles trading places for 3rd & 4th, but Myles just coming out on top; Willows tended to be a little faster off wind, but Wilson always a bit quicker up the beat.

