



With the Ovington Inlands being the final event of the season, this was held on the 5th/6th November at Grafham Water . The jury was out as to whether the 29er fleet would be put into flights as they had been previously at a recent event, however Grafham Water Sailing Club took the risk to set a start line large enough for 62 boats. With a forecast of building wind this seemed optimistic, however the fleet took on the challenge and after a few general recalls and black flags, competitive racing took place.

Day 1 brought gusty conditions however Ian Payne/Chris Berry just back from Lake Garda, pulled out a string of bullets to build a nice gap between themselves and the rest of the fleet in the first three races. Vikki Payne/Stephi Orton put a stop to the run of firsts in the final race of the day making the overnight results rather close between the top 6 boats. Saturday night was topped off by a live band and a show of awesome fireworks.

The forecast for Sunday was for gusts of 25 knots and with this event being a selector for the Transitional Training Squad everyone launched with eagerness and some anticipation. Jack Hawkins/Chris Thomas were on fire placing two 1st and a 2nd however, consistency was the key and with and Ian Payne/Chris Berry having no results out of the top 5 in all three races, they were clear winners with Ollie Cooper/James Poyner coming a solid 2nd and Vikki Payne /Stephi Orton in 3rd. Girl power worked well in the fleet with three girl boats in the top 10. Top juniors was taken by Matt Venables/Will Alloway in 4th (even with a chip missing from his left elbow) and second juniors were Team Loveridge in 8th leading on count back from new pairing Murray Hampshire/Hugh Ward in 9th.



A big thank you to Grafham Water Sailing Club and Ovingtons for providing a perfect way to end the racing season. Let the winter training begin!