

# 2007 SELDEN

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for sailing

# NATIONWIDE SERIES



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David & Beth Grey

## THE SELDEN NATIONWIDE 2007 WINNERS WERE:

- 1st: David & Beth Grey
- 2nd: Ross Kearney & Katy Jones
- 3rd: Chris Rust & Oliver Newman
- 4th: Edward Grey & Adam Whitehead
- 5th: Natalie & Grace Roach

### Juniors

- 1st: Chris Rust & Oliver Newman
- 2nd: Tom & James Lovesey

### Single-Handers

- 1st: Simon Lovesey
- 2nd: Angus Carlisle

The Selden Mirror Nationwide Series – now in its second year and as popular as ever – offers close competition over six Mirror Class Championships.

This year the series went down to the wire, settled on the last race of the last event. The 2007 Nationwide series began at Bewl Valley on 7th and 8th April 2007.

After a great first day of racing and three close races, day two was very frustrating with light to at times non-existent wind.

This lead to only four races being run in total, nevertheless racing was very close, with four different race winners. In the end defending Nationwide Champions John & Jamie Clementson took the event from National and European Champions

Hector & Ben Cisneros, with Natalie & Grace Roach 3rd, Emma & Martina Barry 4th and David & Beth Grey 5th.

### ROUND 2

The second round of the Nationwide series was held as the Welsh Championship at Llandudno over the weekend of 26-27- May 2007.

2005 World Champion Ross Kearney with his crew Katy Jones won after a close battle with current European and National Champions Hector & Ben Cisneros.

Llandudno were great hosts providing some fantastic racing and a warm welcome, despite day two being lost to inclement weather – big winds and big waves, just as we remember South Africa!

### ROUND 3

The Southerners at Itchenor on 16th and 17th June was the third event of the Series.

Nationwide Champions John & Jamie Clementson dominated the proceedings, winning five of the six races at Itchenor.



Emma & Martina Barry won the other race to take second place and the Youth prize. Juniors James Wilkinson & Will Searle finished an excellent third.

David & Beth Grey were absent due to A-level commitments.

#### ROUND 4

The Selden Nationwide Championships moved North to Bassenthwaite over the weekend of 14-15 July for the fourth round.

Four races were held on the Saturday in blustery conditions which caught many out. At the front, competition was very close with many place changes. Some great breeze and hard sailing lead to some excellent photos from photoboat.

Overall first were Hector & Ben Cisneros, with Ross Kearney & Katy Jones second and David & Beth Grey third.

#### ROUND 5

Next up was Sidmouth on 15-16 September. After a drift and only one race on the Saturday, things were frustrating but then the flit enjoyed moderate winds and some good waves on the Sunday.

2005 World Champion Ross Kearney seemed to

have cemented his lead at the top of the Nationwide Series with a strong win. David & Beth Grey were second, followed by Simon Lovesey sailing the new Winder MK3 Mirror.

The question of the weekend: Is the MK3 Winder faster or is it Simon?

#### ROUND 6

The Inlands at Blithfield on 6-7 October was the final event of the Nationwide Series 2007. With the pressure building, Ross had a lead in the ranking – but was it enough? After some calculations Simon Lovsey reported that there was a possibility of six other boats taking the title. Despite the challenging conditions of very light winds on Saturday and due to a great Race Officer – Jon Moore – we managed three races. They might have been slow and challenging, but it was enough to make a championship. Sunday's weather was even lighter, by 1pm the decision was made: *"There will be no sailing for the rest of the day."* Youngsters Chris Rust & Oliver Newman won the Inlands with David & Beth Grey second and Emma & Martina Barry third.

The final Nationwide event had significantly mixed up the rankings – the top had changed. ■



Angus Carlisle

## Anna MacKenzie from club crew to World Champion in 7 years



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