

## **Merlins at Earlswood**

It was a joy to see so many Merlins for the Open on 21<sup>st</sup> June. The 3 home boats were joined by 11 visiting boats that comprised some of the countries top Merlin sailors, one or two of whom have an association with Earlswood going back many years.

The wind was mostly light, north westerly (a stark contrast to last year), but the top guys all seemed to find it and make sense of the unusual course. With all the boats flying their spinnakers it was a colourful site in the sunshine. The standard set by the visitors was very high; the overall winner was Duncan Salmon from Wembley, who learnt to sail at Earlswood. Matt Biggs took second place and Steve Leney third.

1	3702	D Salmon
2	3705	M Biggs
3	3639	S Leney
4	3610	R Dee
5	3674	M Anslow
6	3563	P Hollis
7	3339	T Male
8	3587	F Fern
9	3591	T Bridgewater
10	3403	J Dawes
11	3489	R Turner
12	3496	M Smart
13	3566	J Wood
14	3412	M Hyams