



FLYING FIFTEEN

2012 Northern Traveller Series

Sponsorship from Waples Wines

Waples Wines have decided to support the Flying Fifteen Travellers Series for 2012. The series was formerly supported by TNT post north for 5 years and provides a series that is targeted at club sailors and those that attend some open events. The idea is to encourage Fifteeners' to try visiting other clubs and to help to generate interest both for each participating club's Open event but also to raise enthusiasm for club fleet sailing.

Justin of Waples Wines who already sends wine to ff sailors throughout the UK is well known as a fifteen sailor at national and international level and sees synergy between ff sailors and the need for a good wine merchant! Justin a former President of BIFFA commented "This will be the 6th year of the series and I look forward to helping to encourage and support grass roots of flying fifteen racing together with a little liquid refreshment off the water too". The series this year will incorporate the following open meetings and will be sailed as handicap events based upon the aged boat handicaps adopted by the Class so everyone is in with a chance. The other unusual feature is that whilst all sailors are encouraged to take part in the Opens the

Travellers Series results exclude the 15 top "hot shots" in the 2010 worlds qualification ranking. This means that unfortunately the new sponsor and David McKee one of the organisers are not eligible to win the series, but we hope they still take part in some of the events.

We look forward to a friendly and enjoyable series which based upon recent years is likely to be competitive right up to the series finale at Dovestone.

Waples Wines is planning to host a wine tasting on the Saturday night at Bassenthwaite an event not to be missed.

Bassenthwaite Sailing Club - 26th & 27th May

Ogston Sailing Club - 16th & 17th June

Burton Sailing Club - 11th & 12th August

Dovestone Sailing Club - 29th & 30th September

For more information about the series you can visit the BIFFA webpage:

<http://www.flying15.org.uk/fixtures/traveller.asp> or contact

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