

## Racing Report 2009

### Summer Series 2009

The Summer Series was sailed on 7 weekends between 11 January and 22 March, no days were lost. Fairly often the weather would be bad through the week and then clear on the Sunday in time for the racing.

Twenty members competed on at least one day, but only two thirds of these had four race days which was the number of days to count. The number at each day was between 10 and 13 with the average just over 11. The scores were spread around with thirteen members having race wins and another 4 had a top 3 placing.

The series leadership changed frequently with Bruce Watson taking an early lead with a best possible score of 5. Geoff McGill then took the lead only to have Peter Andrews take it off him with myself then gaining it. Kevin Webb made a good run at taking top score but Peter managed to equalise with me on the penultimate round.

The last round started with Peter and I equal with several members able to put in a good score to pull themselves into a placing. Neither Peter nor I managed to improve and Geoff McGill put in a best score of the day (equal with Peter Vernon) to pull level and give a 3 way split for series winner.



Three top scores

### Autumn Series 2009

The Autumn Series had racing days interspersed with holiday weekends and aggregate series so that it took a full four months, from the end of March to the end of June, to complete.

It started with light winds and finished in rain. The first day was almost abandoned with no wind, but it did pick up enough to sail. Fortunately for me because I had the top day score with the club boat (mine had failed).

Light winds were again in the second race day while the third was held in high winds with a gust up to 19 knots, just below cancellation speed.

While the fourth day was not high winds, it was very cold with rain and several members left early, some because of boat failures and others from the miserable conditions.

So far I had held the overall lead but Kevin and Bill had the best day scores and eroded this to just 3 points.

Rain and heavy winds greeted the fifth race day. Bruce did well in the racing; Geoff Atkinson came for the heavier winds and was just a couple of points behind. Kevin Webb and Peter did well and took the top two places overall and pushed me back to third.

Sixteen turned out for day 6. The winter solstice gave us sunshine and a nice breeze. Bruce dominated the racing with 4 wins taking him to overall second place. Peter took the other two wins and took the overall lead while I held onto third.

The series final was raced by just four members. The rain killed my transmitter and my spare giving DNFs in the last two races so I was not able to improve my overall score. Bruce Watson won the series with Kevin Webb second and Peter Andrews 3rd.

## Winter Series 2009

Winter lived up to its name the first day of this series. Rain brought the pond over the path, the wind was up to 20 knots before racing started and it was cold.

Race wins were spread with Ivan, Harry, John and Geoff M. Geoff had the best of the day.

The next week as no better and it also rained. The high winds did not deter the 14 hardy members who turned out. Race wins went to new member Paul Taylor, and Jim Clark (2), Kevin W, Peter A and Bruce one each.

The third round had a good turnout of 15.

Another new member Trevor Tidman had his first race win and Terry won one. Brett and Jim subsequently locked when in the lead and grounded.

The next round was another day of cold winds with 14 keen members braving the conditions. Brett had 2 wins, Paul T 2 and Kevin W one to displace Geoff m from the lead.

The fifth round was lighter. Bill took a win. Kevin Whitehead returned and won one along with Jim and Paul T. Bruce and Kevin W one each. Overall leaving one point separating Geoff M, Kevin Webb and Peter A.

The penultimate day had Bruce improve to join the top three. With the top four separated by three points the final day final weekend was the decider. Geoff again consistently dodged the weed to win the series with 45 points, Kevin Web second with 49, Bruce third with 50, Peter A fourth with 65 and Richard fifth with 84

## Divisional Series 2009

The divisional series had very close racing, with A division being won by a very consistent Geoff Mc, with Richard second. B division was won by Kevin Webb with Peter Andrews second. This results in Kevin progressing to A and Peter retuning to A. C division was won by Brett, followed by Jim, both moving to B.

## Aggregate Match Racing 2009

Very close racing over the series with a win to Geoff McGill by 2 points from Peter A, Neil P and Richard, all amazingly second equal. Geoff will challenge Bruce for the Match racing Cup (hopefully to be completed in 2009!).

## Match Race Series 2009

Three very close races have held between Geoff and Bruce at time of writing. With the result being two: - one in favour of Bruce (One weekend was abandoned due to intermittent weed).

The Chairman of the Race Committee would like to thank the Committee members and the volunteer race officials for their service during the year.

A thanks also to members for observing the spirit of the rules.

A special thanks to Richard for his stalwart score keeping and regular weekly reports ( a highlight for all).

