

## Sailing 11 April 2010

### Aggregate Match Race Series 4

With 14 members to sail 4 rounds of match racing there were 28 races to get through. The wind has been very light and fickle in the morning but settled down to a light north easterly allowing a reasonably long windward-leeward course to be set.

By having up to 3 races on the course at a time we managed to get it all completed by 4pm. And this included a restart due to one boat getting caught in the weed, and a rerun when there was discussion about a situation that occurred at the top mark.

The rerun was the final race and was between Geoff McGill and Kevin Webb. Both had won their previous 3 races so the winner of this would be the only competitor to win all 4 races. Kevin won this and had top score for the day.



*Kevin Webb leads Geoff Atkinson downwind.*

With 3 wins and 7 points were Allen Reynolds, David Harley, Peter Andrews, and Geoff Atkinson.

Peter Andrews now leads the series with Geoff McGill following by just one point.



*Ivan leads Terry in a better breeze.*

### Members:



Gary Irwin has joined the club. He has just finished building a new Seawind and he brought it along to trial sail it. He needs to choose a number and get a free frequency.

### State of the Pond:

A couple of Electron members and I raked along beside the path to clear that edge for launching and recovery. The weed is only very close to the edge so it is reachable. The far side of the pond still has mats of weed making it hazardous to use a couple of the buoys over there.

Without rain the SG of the pond has crept up to 1.025 which is nearly as salty as the estuary. This does inhibit the growth, without this it would probably have taken over much of the pond as it did in April a couple of years ago.

Some weed did break away and float down the course but the umpires watched out for it and warned the competitors if they were getting close, so it wasn't too much of a problem.

### Other Items:

On Easter Sunday a half dozen members turned up but the wind was very light and shifty so the sailing was not much good. By 3pm Bruce had to go to marshall some parking for the rugby and Neil had to clean the fish pond and the wind had died completely so we all went home.

### Next Week(s):

**April 18: Autumn Series returns**

**April 25: Anzac Day - Fun Day**

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