

Sailing 1 August 2010

Aggregate Match Race Series 7

There was rain and a cold north easterly wind when the electronics finished racing but the rain dropped to just a drizzle by the time we were to start racing. The wind was a good strength but was still very cold.

Eight of us turned out for the match racing but Neil had an accident with his boat and he bent the mast in the middle around the jointer. Not want to risk breaking it he took it home where he could dismantle it in better conditions.

With 7 boats there were just 14 races to get through. With sufficient wind this was not going to be a problem with time, but the forecast was for more rain and increasing winds and we wanted to complete the racing before this arrived if it was going to. In the end we completed the racing and had a couple of fleet races and the rain still held off.

The water is very brown and cloudy with runoff but is clean and the wind blows any floating twigs and leaves away.

Geoff McGill had the best of the day with 4 wins. His race with Bruce was the featured race and the lead changed several times as related here. This takes Geoff to the series lead taking it from Kevin when 5 of the results count.

I managed 3 wins, losing to Gary.

Kevin took 2 wins but holds onto second place in the series just 1 point behind. Bruce also had two wins to hold 3rd place. The top 3 boats have just 2 points separating them with two sailing days left in the series.



Full wet weather gear required, plus supermarket bags it seems.

Next Week:

August 8: Winter Series FINAL.



Geoff (18) vs Bruce (33)

After mixing it at the start Geoff gets the drop on Bruce and starts a couple of lengths ahead.

The first cross had Geoff clear ahead but Bruce was catching and the 2nd cross, here, had Bruce charging on starboard as Geoff is just clear.

The 3rd cross close to the mark and Bruce is ahead but has to duck behind as he is on port tack. He swings close behind and tacks ...

to take the inside line at the top mark.

Bruce is first around and heads off downwind. By covering well he holds his lead at the bottom mark.

Back on the wind Geoff is noticeably pointing much higher

Geoff takes the lead around the top mark.

On the downwind Bruce takes the right hand side and has a better run. He follows Geoff around the final mark and takes a closer line around it.

Geoff has to tack across Bruce on starboard to get to the finish line. He clears by a few inches and takes the win.

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