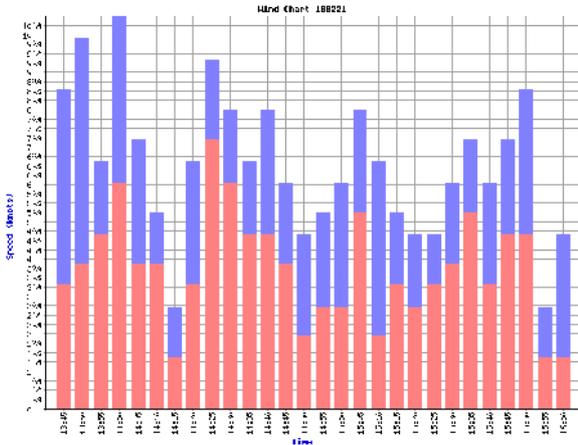


Sailing 21 February 2010

Summer Series round 6



The Electrons in the morning found there to be little to no wind and packed up early. The forecast was for a sea breeze in the afternoon and it did arrive but only some of the time.

A good turnout of 16 members were at the pond for the racing, the penultimate round of the Summer Series, and summer it was with temperatures over 26degrees and light shifty winds.

John Dowler won the first race, and wanted me to put that in the report because this note is the only way that his family in America know what he is up to.

Peter Andrews topped the day's score with 13. He won two races and was well placed in another three. With just 2 more points Kevin Webb has a consistent set of placings. One point behind Kevin on 16 was Harry Bowles with a win in the last race following a couple of good placing in early races.

Terry O'Neil also won two races and with a 2nd place in the last race managed 18 points for 4th top day score.



Photo:

John's 11 reflected in the glassy water.

Kevin Webb's 30 is keeping clear of Bill Monaghan's 7 in the background.

Divisional Series

At the end of last week's racing three A division results were equal top. John Dowler, Kevin Webb and myself each had 14 points, Peter Andrews was just 3 points behind.

In B division Paul Taylor led Ivan Fraser by 2 points: 10 and 12.

In C division Tery O'Neil was out on his own with 9 points.

In the divisional race today the C and B divisions got a good start and took the wind with them leaving the A division start in very light winds and the boats struggling behind in a close group.

With the shifty winds the A boats were swapping positions with each tack in the windward legs. Peter Andrews managed to break away and catch up to the B division boats, taking the top A finish (5th place). Around the last mark Geoff and John were ahead of me and they had taken the port tack. I held onto starboard and when I tacked I could clear Geoff's bow and take 7th place ahead of Geoff and John.

This moved me into first place in A division with John 2nd and Peter managing 3rd, pushing Kevin back to 4th place.

In B division Ivan moved one point closer to Paul making these two just one point apart of 14 and 15.

Terry cemented in his lead in C division with his 2nd place in the race behind Harry, a B division boat.

State of the Pond:

The weed that had grown around the edges last month has died off. It had been starved of sunlight over the last few weeks due to the water being clouded and this may have finished it off.

The heat did cause some small patches to rise up and, with little wind to blow it away, there was some scrut on the surface, especially along the path. Generally the condition was good but some keels did catch small amounts.

Next Week(s):

Feb 28: Summer Series Final

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