

Sailing 25 July 2010

Winter Series 6

Today was generally quite a nice breeze. There had been a shower earlier but the ones forecast for the afternoon didn't arrive.

A course was set with a double windward and using the whole pond and this looked optimistic if the wind died but the wind held and the races were all completed in good time.

With 14 members racing there was the odd collision. Harry was taken out of the first race when a boat failed to keep clear and boarded him knocking off one of the winches that held the main sheet stop. An attempt was made to repair but it was not satisfactory. He sailed the club boat or the referee's.

Bruce won two races but mid fleet finishes in the others left him with a day total of 19 points for 4th overall.

Terry O'Neill won one race and had a string of 2nd places but a mid race finish took him to 13 points for the day giving him 3rd place for the day. Allen Reynolds won 2 races and with 3rds and 4ths had a total of 12 for 2nd place.

Well done to Terry and Allen for these great scores.

Geoff McGill won one race and had 2nds and 3rds. A collision with John Dowler in the first lap of race 5 when they were in leading positions had the two boats lock their mast heads and drift ashore for a DNF.



John recovering the boats.

Geoff protested under rule 62 for redress. Bruce, Ivan and Neil were appointed as a protest committee and, on the evidence, gave Geoff a 3rd place under rule 64.2.

This gave Geoff a day total of 11 and top score for the day. He holds the lead in the Winter Series and leads also A Division.

Other News:

Garrick Rocard was at the pond early on but did not have his boat with him as he is trying to take it apart to repair some faults with it and is having problems drawing out the keel blade.

Allen Reynolds has noticed that he has corrosion coming through from inside the mast around the jointer. He's hoping that it lasts long enough to buy a replacement because there are none available at the usual stores at the moment, as Gary had already determined.



Rule 14 Avoiding Contact

A boat shall avoid contact with another if reasonably possible. A Right-of-way boat need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not keeping clear.

The right-of-way boat shall not be penalised for contact unless it causes damage or injury.

With Seawinds it is unlikely that damage or injury will result from a collision. But even if a penalty were to be given to the right-of-way boat this does not exonerate the boat that was required to keep clear.

In one book on sailing the advice is given to avoid hard contact but to touch the other boat to demonstrate that they did not keep clear.



Next Week(s):

August 1:
Aggregate Match Series
August 8:
Winter Series FINAL.
August 15:
Spring Series START.

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