

Sailing 27 June 2010

Winter Series 3

The weather had cleared after much rain during the week but squalls were still around with a very heavy, but short, rain squall with high winds at midday at Browns Bay.

We did have a shower and squall just before starting and one during racing but these cleared quickly and most of the time was a nice sailing westerly.



A tight start for the fifth race.

Barging at the start is being penalized.

John Dowler has finally brought his boat's leakage down to a manageable level and this allowed his boat to achieve full performance bringing in two wins and some good places for top day score of 11 points. This moves him up to 3rd place in the series total so far.

After Gary's first race win last week he won two more this week plus had a 2nd place. This gave him a day's total of 18 for 2nd place on the day score. Well done Gary.

Neil Purcell had a series of 3rds and 4th placings to accumulate a day total of 20 for 3rd top day score.

John McCaulay has returned to sailing after his hip operation and had his first series win today. Unfortunately there is no photo of that finish.

The other race winner was Geoff McGill who hangs on to his series lead.

Other News:

Our secretary Peter Andrews has moved but has kept his phone number.

Rain Covers:

Transmitters are susceptible to damp and need to be protected from the rain. These range from the traditional supermarket bag to somewhat expensive muffs that would be suitable for siberian winters.

Some years ago Aquapro made some covers that were raffled at the AGM that year. Peter imported some from Australia of which a couple went in the raffle last year and Peter and I purchased one each.

I noticed that HobbyKing have some at a reasonable price and I will probably bring some down the next time that I order anything from them.



In the meantime I have tried making my own design and the result seems to be usable. Ike's Emporium has lined vynal cloth in various colours for \$10 a metre and clear vynal

sheet can be bought at Plastics Plus so \$18 buys enough material for 4 covers. I used an old Singer machine that I bought at the market for \$5 to sew up a prototype. It is heavy going with the vynal but at least I didn't wreck the wife's machine. I've put the plans that I used on the web site, some adjustment may be needed to suit your transmitter.

Contact me if you want some material.

Next Week(s):

July 4: Aggregate Match Race Series 6.

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