

Sailing 10 April 2011 Autumn Series Round 6

The winds were quite light today but sufficient to get through the races.

Sixteen members turned out for the penultimate round of the series, next week is the final of this and of the Divisional Series 1. Plus there was a new member, Neil, who has recently bought a boat but doesn't have it sorted yet, nor numbered. He sailed the club boat for some races. It turned out that he had mismatched crystals in the transmitter supplied with the boat.

Kevin Whitehead won the first race. Ivan won the next, Gary Irwin won the final race. In the third race I took an early lead and kept ahead to win. Kevin Webb and Geoff McGill had one race win each.

In the third race there were several collisions around the marks with boats rafting up while others sailed past. The ref, Geoff McGill, had some words to say to all sailors after the race. The next race was very well behaved, but then I did referee it. Cynics may remark that I didn't sail...

There was also a protest meeting. Bruce had sailed around a mark and then sailed well above the direct line to the next, which he had forgotten about. I called him to the mark and he reached down to it arriving as a group got to the mark. Bruce collided with these as he rounded and they protested him.

In fact, at the 4 boat length circle, Bruce was clear ahead of, or at least had an inside overlap on, the boats in the group. This entitled Bruce to room at the mark and they had failed to give him this room, so the protest was dismissed.

Overall I managed the top score of 15. Harry was just two points behind after some 2nds and 3rds. Neil Purcell just one more point back had 3rd top.

Several members are within striking distance of the series win. With best 4 scores counting and 2 discards, Harry takes the lead, pushing Bruce back into second, and I move to third. All in the top few have a large score in their total which can be discarded if they do well next week.

Divisional Series:

This Divisional also completes next week. In A division there are 5 members within 5 points at the top. In B Division Ivan leads Gary by just 4 points and in C there are 3 within 5 points.

Any of these could win their divisions.

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Match Race Cup 2010

Bruce and Geoff had another match race, the second of their best of nine series to determine the 2010 Match Race Cup.

Bruce had the starboard side this time but Geoff managed to keep on starboard upon entry and thought he would be safe. Not so, the boat gybed to port while Bruce was still bearing down, so he earned a penalty. Even if the gybe hadn't happened he would have been judged to be windward boat.



In the last few seconds of countdown Geoff managed to get a leeward position and pushed Bruce over the line early. I dipping down there was contact and the penalties were even and wiped.



Bruce led up the first windward but the wind died as Bruce tacked too soon and couldn't lay the mark.



Geoff overstood by a large margin and was able to sail full to the mark and kept his speed up through the lull and led around.



This lead held as Geoff defended it well until the final leg to the finish. Bruce had managed to catch Geoff and, on starboard, crossed ahead, tacking just to windward. Geoff managed to get alongside to leeward and luffed. There was contact to give Bruce a penalty and Geoff the win.

This gives Geoff McGill 2 wins to Bruce's 0.

Next Week(s):

April 17: Autumn Series FINAL

April 24: Easter and ANZAC Day

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