

Sailing 14 August 2011

Spring Series round 2

Saturday was foggy with no wind at all. Sunday started with cold, strong, but brief, rain squalls coming over and these continued through the day. Though wind gusts were measured at over 20 knots the race committee continued racing through 4 races until rain and cold drove everyone away. (22.9 here)



When the gusts hit the boats were scattered in several directions as they rounded up or dived. Here they were supposed to be heading for the blue buoy middle left.



There were a few collisions, quite a bit of submarining and a couple of landings on the wrong shore. Bruce managed to do a complete pitch pole, winding up pointing the other way.



Some of the 11 members that turned up left earlier than the abandonment, it just wasn't a good day to be out sailing.

Daniel broke a side stay and though he repaired it, his hatch leaked and wet his receiver. He took the club boat for the last race.



Race wins went to Kevin Webb (races 1 and 2), Geoff McGill and Bruce Watson. With ref place assessment and scaling Kevin had a total of 5 points, Geoff 6 and Gary Irwin 13.

Overall, with two days sailed, Gary leads the series from Geoff and Bruce.

From: Mike Eades, SeaWind class sec. Americas Cup World Serries Match Racing Finals

Richard,

Your guys are probably already locked into this but, just in case, check out thsi link for fantastic live coverage . Saturday Aug 13, 2 pm Portugal time the Quarters, Semis and Finals begin. ETNZ are in pole position closely followed by Oracle 4, Spithill.

<http://www.youtube.com/AmericasCup>

Regards, Mike

Coverage of this will be was on TV1 Monday night starting at 10:55pm with live action of the final and Tuesday morning. 1:30am with highlights of the series.

Last Weekend - Aggregate Series.

The wind increased during the morning. The Electrons had to give up on



racing. By 2pm there was no improvement and our match race was cancelled.

Call for Papers:

With just 2 months to the end of the year there a call for papers for a newsletter and for proposals for consideration at the AGM, such as next years race schedule.



I don't know how Geoff managed to get his jib to invert. I think that it scooped up water at the leading edge when he was laid flat by a gust.

Next Week(s):

August 21: Spring Series 3

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