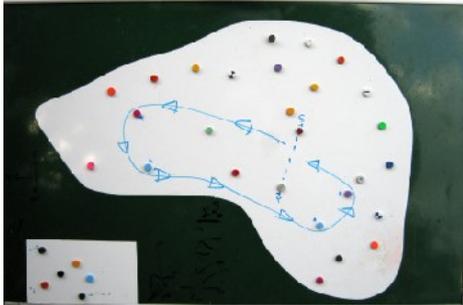


Sailing 28 August 2011

Spring Series round 4

The wind was light to nothing and shifted around the compass as the various thermals sucked the breeze from one side then the other.



A simple four buoy course, twice around, was set as this should be able to finish six races in the time allowed.

At times the boats were becalmed and then the breeze would come from a new direction giving gains and losses out randomly.

In the first race I took a lead at the first mark, held this on the downwind, and then made an error which allowed almost all the fleet to sail past. The wind died again leaving the leaders struggling to keep moving. I worked well to windward on a long reach and a wind shift allowed me to take back a 2nd place.

The six races turned out six different winners. Geoff McGill, Gary Irwin, Bruce Watson, Allen Reynolds, Daniel Bush and



Ian Bergquist (shown finishing in photo left).

In the divisional race Ian had made a good start but the first three boats swapped places several times with Ian managing to get past on the downwind and could hold this to the finish.

Overall, Daniel had the best score of 17 as he had a couple of 2nd places to go with his win. Geoff was just one point behind on 18 while Peter Andrews and I shared 3rd equal with a distant 22. Overall with 3 scores counting Gary and Geoff are equal 1st on 41 while Bruce is 3rd.



Spring is here:

The daffodills are out in Cornwall Park when I went walking there last week and the lambs are gambolling.

Regatta:

Between the end of the Spring Series, scheduled to be on October 2 and the AGM scheduled for 30 October there is Labour Day weekend (23rd) and 2 days marked as TBA. These three weeks are required to organise the trophies and the engraving.

Given the success of the Anniversary Weekend Regatta (thanks to Harry's organization) it has been proposed that a second annual Regatta be held on one of those October weekend. It could be organised for the first of the two available TBA weekends with the other in reserve as an alternate if the weather is not suitable.

The races could be organised to be run in the same manner, the rules that were used are on the web site. It could be restricted to members only, or it could be more open to all Seawinds (or other one designs as allowed by our rules).

Please put your views to the Race Committee.



Next Week(s):

September 4: Father's Day - Fun Day

September 11: Aggregate Match 8

September 18: Spring Series 5

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