

Sailing 26 June 2011

Winter Series round 5:

There was a good westerly breeze today. The sun came out and warmed us even though the wind was cold. It almost seemed like spring, which may account for the good sized turnout with 17 boats.



Terry drew up a course taking into account the number of boats. He is shown here pointing out the marks.

By having some bias on the far end of the line it avoids everyone trying to start at the near end. As shown in the



photo of the start of race 1, some will prefer the less populated end (the far mark is just to the left of '6'), but there were still collisions as too many crowded the right hand mark.

New member Daniel showed his good form with 3 race wins. He had been put up into B division today by the race committee and may well get into A next week. His total of 13 was 2nd top score and equal with Geoff McGill who had one race win.

I also won one race but with 2nd and 3rd placing had the top score of 11. This also puts me back as top score in the series, with 3 days counting and 2 discards, with Kevin 2nd and Geoff 3rd.

Bruce was the other race winner.

In the Divisional series Kevin increases his lead in A, Gary holds onto the lead in B and Neil Cullen is well ahead in C.

This was a good day's sailing, and it is not just my score that makes me say that, honest.

Richard Plinston.

Next Week(s):

July 3: Aggregate Match Racing

July 10: Winter Series round 6

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Match Race Cup 2010:

With a nice westerly breeze, a clean pond and plenty of time before the start of the racing Geoff and Bruce were determined to finish the Match Race Cup best of 9 series which had previously got to a score of 4:2 in Bruce's favour.



Geoff was off to a good start and held a handy lead at the first mark on both laps. Bruce was catching up on the last downwind and held onto starboard gybe while Geoff was on port.



Bruce turned onto the course to the downwind mark and a collision gave Geoff a penalty as Bruce took the lead at the mark. But Bruce touched the mark squaring the penalties. While Bruce sailed on starboard tack Geoff took the right hand side of the course and when they crossed again Geoff was able to make Bruce tack and took the lead which he held to the finish. Score now 4:3.



Another start and this time Bruce on starboard got into the start area and then sailed out to try to keep Geoff from crossing.



With just a couple of feet of line left and a couple of seconds Geoff managed to cross ahead and avoid a starting penalty.



Bruce led all the way to the final mark but once again Bruce went left and Geoff took the right and managed to be on starboard at the cross. Bruce went behind as Geoff tacked and took back the lead in the last few feet to win.



Bruce wins the series.