

Sailing 13 March 2011

Autumn Series Round 3

Another good turnout for the third round of this series had 16 boats racing. The wind was a nice north-westerly. There were some calm areas around the bushes on the east side of the pond, but generally the conditions were good.



In the first race Carol caught Harry and these drifted off to the far side. Gary won this race by getting out in front and staying there.

Race 2 was won by Kevin Webb and he followed this with a string of 2nd places to have the top score for the day of 11. This puts him in first place in the series.

Neil won the third race. 2nd and fourth places added up to a score for the day of 13.

Harry Bowles in his old boat, 75 Alinghi, for this series won the fourth race and hangs onto 2nd place in the series.

Peter Andrews won the fifth race.

John McCaulay won the divisional race and with a couple of 2nds had a total of 22 which was 3rd best day score.



I wasn't watching too closely but Ivan and Gary seemed to get locked together at the top mark and then drifted off downwind and got entangled with the black stripe buoy.

A good day's sailing.

Match Race Cup 2010:

Bruce and Geoff had another attempt at the first race of this series. A good start had Bruce just ahead over the line and he picked a shift to give



him a nice lead on the short first leg. But by not covering he let Geoff pick the next shift and there was only a length between them at the mark.

Geoff passed on the downwind. On the windward Bruce initially took the port tack to break Geoff's cover, but he ran afoul of a buoy and hung on it for a short time. By the top mark Bruce had caught back up to be within striking distance ,



but good covering from Geoff held him off and Geoff took the first race win in the best of nine.

State of the Pond:

From Carol:

The bale is now securely wrapped in netting so should be ok, not sure how long the escaped straw will present a problem tho. Win a few, lose a few!
Cheers, Carol

The straw was not a problem today, but the hot weather brought up scrut and there were twigs and leaves around to catch in keels.

Next Week(s):

March 20: Autumn Series 4

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