

# Sailing 20 March 2011

## Autumn Series Round 4

With the heat of the day the bottom crud was floating around, because there was only a light wind it was taking up quite a bit of the pond at the north end. Later during racing when the wind changed, it drifted down the pond to the other end giving some rafts of scrut to pick a course between, like finding the north-west passage.

There was just enough wind for the racing and it picked up a bit later in the day so the last two races had quite a nice breeze for the most part.

Fifteen boats were there at the start but some left early not liking the light and flukey conditions.

There was enough wind to get the first race underway. I managed to take the lead at the first mark, picture below is the second mark, and held it around the two laps. A couple of good placings and my total score of 13 gave me 2nd for the day and took me to 2nd in the series.

Peter Andrews won the next two races and a 2nd and 3rd placing took his total, with an assessed umpiring win, to top day score of 8.

Geoff McGill and Bruce won the next two races and their day totals were equal on 15.

John Perkin has new sails on his boat but he still has problems with it. This time the rudder is going over centre and locking. He will reduce the servo arm length to give less rudder swing. He sailed the club boat and won the divisional race. I think that is his first competition race win so, congratulations John.

Kevin was not at the racing today but holds his lead in the series while Neil hangs on to 3rd.

## Divisional Series:

In the Divisional Series in A Geoff McGill takes the lead from Kevin Webb by 1 point. In B Ivan holds his lead while Gary takes 2nd place from Terry. In C Brian Bassett still leads.

## State of the Pond:

As already mentioned, the scrut was floating around. There were some more dead and dying ducks, too, the botulism is still there.

The SG was up to 1.019 last week but rain at the end of this week had it down to 1.016.

## Avoiding Collisions Number 47:



Carol has her boat going quite fast, when she gets it going in the right direction.

This is the result of the collision between her and Harry when going to the first mark of the first race last week.

They locked together and had to be collected from the far shore.



*Ivan leads the fleet away from the top mark in the second race.*

## Web Site Update:

A galley of last weeks Match Race Cup race is now on the web site.

## Next Week(s):

**March 27: Autumn Series 5**

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