

Sailing 29 May 2011

Winter Series round 3:

There were some heavy showers in the morning and one at midday, but it all cleared away for us to sail in a light to moderate, mostly light, shifty southerly breeze in the afternoon.

15 members were at the pond for the sailing of the Winter series. Geoff and Bruce decided that the conditions were not suitable for a match race as the windward mark was in a wind shadow and selecting one in clean wind made the course too short. They promised to try to get these races sailed next week.



With a couple of new buoys set by Carol and Ian a good start line could be set for the series racing. After a couple of complete changes a course was set that should give a couple of windward legs even with the shifting directions.

With the variable conditions and a good sized fleet it was difficult for anyone to get consistent results. The six races had six different winners.

Harry showed good form in the first race and took the win with a handful keeping close behind him and threatening his lead.

In the second race John McCaulay took a good lead and held this all the way around for a win. With some good places in the other races John had the top day score of 14. Well done John.

Peter Andrews won race 5 and had the next best score of 16. Geoff McGill won race 4, his first win for some time, and had 3rd day score of 18.

Bruce and Kevin Webb won the other two races.

In the series totals, with 2 scores counting and one discard, I still hold the lead while Kevin keeps 2nd place and Harry takes over 3rd.



Peter and Tanya Buxton came to the pond today to watch some racing and keep in contact.

They have married now, just 3 weeks before Peter's accident.

Richard Plinston.

Divisional Series 1 2011:



There are two Divisional Series each year. The first one was completed at the end of the Autumn Series. The second started with the Winter Series. Today I presented the trophies to the A and B division winners: Kevin Webb and Ivan Fraser. John Perkin is the C Division winner but has not been to the pond recently.

Congratulations to these three winners.

It had been decided by the race committee that there would be no changes in the Divisions for the current series.

Rule 18: At Marks and Obstructions

There has been some discussion about the rules that apply at a mark, in particular at a windward mark.

Rule 18 governs Mark-Room, **18.1** specifies when it applies and when it does not, *it does not apply: (a) between boats on opposite tacks on a beat to windward, (b) between boats on opposite tacks when the proper course at the mark for one but not for both of them is to tack.*

When approaching a windward mark all port tack boats must keep clear of starboard tack boats.

Note, however, **Rule 13:** *After a boat passes head to wind, she shall keep clear of other boats until she is on a close-hauled course.*

A boat approaching on starboard has right of way over those on port, but when she tacks around the mark she must keep clear.



Next Week(s):

June 5: Queens Birthday fun day

June 12: Aggregate Match Race

June 19: Winter Series round 4

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