

Sailing 4 December:

Aggregate Series start

It was raining. It wasn't heavy but it was continuous drizzle. There was a good north-east breeze though so a course could use the long axis of the pond.

Seven members turned out for the racing so there were only 14 races to get through and we could get through these early and get home to dry out and warm up.

The draw for the races for the first day of the new series is made using the final results for last



year. This put Kevin Webb and Geoff McGill up first. They both came to the line early but Geoff could peel off and duck behind on the right while Kevin was called over.

The original top mark was close to shore and both boats lost wind due

to the trees. This mark was changed to one away from the shores for the subsequent races.



John McCaulay had a problem during his first race where the rudder inverted which made steering somewhat awkward. This could have been caused by water in the receiver. He took the club boat for the rest of the races and won a race with it.

Ivan squeezed Kevin at the start of their race and tried to push him the wrong side of the mark, Kevin managed to get through the start but had a penalty to take after crossing the line. Kevin managed to cross ahead at the top mark and took the race.



Geoff McGill won all four of his races. In my race with him I did manage to ease ahead and led by a boat length after the first lap but a bad tack on a shift put me behind and I trailed the rest of the way to the finish. I had won three races.



Gary had some close races, here racing John in the club boat, and also won three of his four races, again losing one to Geoff.

A fun fleet race at the end was won by Kevin.

A good day's racing dampened by the rain.

Subscriptions are due:

Subscriptions are due for the current year. Next week the Summer Series summary sheet will indicate the paid up members, and those not financial.

Note: if you are not financial your frequency and sail number could be allocated to a new member.

Seawind Express:

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www.theamya.org/boats/seawind/seawindexpress.php



Next Week(s):

December 11: Spring Series 4

December 18: Spring Series 5

December 25: Christmas break

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