

## Sailing 11 December:

### Summer Series 4

The high winds that were blowing the Electrons around in the morning had moderated somewhat, but the north-easterly was still very blustery, shifty and variable.



The course was set to use the whole pond and give two windward legs with sufficient different angles to allow for shifting

winds. This did give some problems around the top end as the bushes cut the wind close to shore.

Neil Purcell took an early lead by winning the first two races. He then had a series of collisions (some with me) in subsequent races which lost him places and left him just one point out of the top three for the day, though he retains his lead in the series. Note that he is on starboard below.



Kevin Webb then took three race wins. With a 2nd and an assessed 1st for his umpiring he took the top score for the day with 6. This takes him to 3rd in the series.



John McCaulay won race 5, photo of his win below.

Geoff McGill had a series of 3rd places totalling 15 for the day with was the 2nd high score for the day shared with Peter Andrews. Geoff moves to 2nd in the series.

There were several boat failures. Ivan had his boat electronics die. After trying new batteries and a different holder and checking the wiring he had to concede and took the club boat.

Ian's boat failed and he took Carol's as she was not happy sailing in the conditions.

Kevin Whitehead had some technical problems and left early. Gary had his rudder take up an angle that could not be entirely trimmed out so he had to sail holding a small bias on the control.



A day of too many wind shifts and too many collisions.

One more race day before the christmas break. I will not be available on those two days so I will want a volunteer to take the equipment they want for those days (timer, chart, club boat, etc) next week if it is required.

### Next Week(s):

**December 18: Spring Series 5**

**December 25: Christmas break**

**January 1: New Year break**

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