

## Sailing 9 September 2012 Aggregate Match Series FINAL

The wind was quite strong and gusty at 2pm. Ian got a reading of 17.2knots in a gust. It was also North-West which made it difficult to set a windward-leeward course. Eventually we found an adequate start line and marks.

Terry had his boat fail so he tried the club boat, but there was a broken wire on the battery socket. He then took 01 which at least worked.

Gary had been complaining about his boat speed so I fiddled with the sail settings which seemed to give some improvement.



Just before the first race Geoff had a disaster. The wind blew his boat over and Geoff grabbed it, but the top of the mast kept going. The mast snapped just at the bottom of the jointer where the dissimilar metals cause corrosion. He used Kevin's old 30, which did not have sail numbers.



The first race was between Geoff and I. I managed to be first around the top mark (above) and had built up a lead on the downwind, but approaching the top mark again a gust laid me down and I couldn't tack. Geoff took the lead and held it to the finish.

In fact Geoff McGill won all 4 of his races today giving him a total score of 45 and winning the series. I won my other 3 races which didn't improve my total score so I was 2nd in the series and Neil Purcell, who also won 3 races today, took the series 3rd place.

Geoff will now sail against Kevin Webb, the current holder and defender, for the Match Race Cup in a best of 9 series.



*Gary is away on the downwind while Carol gets mixed in with the next race.*



*Geoff, with Kevin's boat, takes a downwind dive in front of Ian and Carol on their windward leg.*



*A gust gives problems tacking to the top mark.*



## Sailing 2 September

Half a dozen members turned up for some casual racing. The wind was strong and gusting, and very cold. This gave some challenging racing with diving and rounding up.



## Next Week(s):

**September 16: Spring Series 5**

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