

# Sailing 23 September 2012

## Spring Series round 6

The wind was much as last week, so a course was set that was also much the same. The top mark was sometimes a bit too much in the wind shadow making for challenging moments as gusts favoured some and not others (see below).

There were a few technical issues as well. Bruce was still having trouble with his radio gear though he has been right though every part. Terry had his boat fail. I had mine fail twice.

Kevin Webb won the first race, with Neil Purcell and Peter Andrews taking the places. I got my boat going well in the second race and took a win with the places taken by Terry O'Neil and Ivan Fraser.

As the third race was called my boat was unresponsive. I switched on the club boat and had no chance to try it out. I was over at the start and was recalled so I was last at the start. The boat has a main made by Dan Bush and this made the boat sail fast and high (see Dan to order yours). I worked my way through the fleet and took the win, followed by Dan and Peter.



I umpired race 4. Terry's boat had failed so he took the club boat and led most of the way with Geoff McGill (photo: side by side on final downwind)

taking the lead on the last leg to snatch the win from Terry with Ian Bergquist taking 3rd place.

My boat came back to life for race 5 but the club boat then decided to fail with a broken wire, so Terry used Peter's boat while he umpired. Kevin won with Dan and Geoff taking the places.

At the start of the divisional race my boat failed again after happily circling waiting for the clock. It went to the far shore where I had to collect with a boat hook. It turned out to be a broken wire where a joint was covered by tape.



Daniel Leahy won the race (shown above in the lead) by taking the lead and holding onto it. Kevin and Peter being placed.

Top day score was Kevin Webb with 15. Geoff McGill had 16, Peter Andrews 17, and I managed 18. This keeps Kevin as the series leader with Peter and Geoff holding onto 2nd and 3rd.

Next week is the final, and for the divisional. If it is cancelled or abandoned the Lay day the following week will be used for the final.



### Other Items:

Last week Gary swung to avoid another and ran into the rocks. He didn't notice at the time but this split the bow so he nearly sank. He has

repaired this with epoxy but it still needs some finishing work.



### At The Pond:

These two Wind Warriors had frequencies not in use by us so they could sail around during our racing. Daniel Bush sailed with them for a while after we had completed our racing.

### Next Week(s):

**September 30: Spring Series FINAL**

**October 7: Lay Day**

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