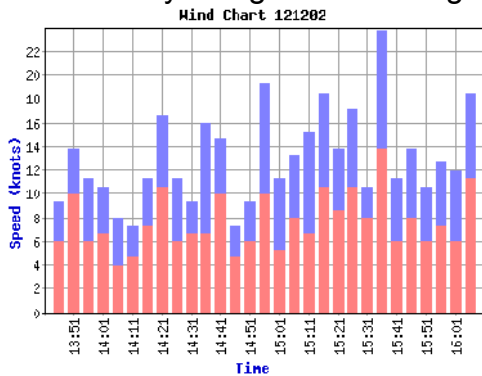


Sailing 2 December 2012

Aggregate Match Race Series Start

Another day of high winds and gusts for the start of the match race series.



With the wind from the west the course could be set with the top mark at the bridge end by the tree. This

was sometimes quite sheltered and flukey while the downwind run could be quite exciting.

The first day of a new series has the draw based on the results of the previous year's final results. So first up again was Geoff McGill and I. Geoff got the best of the start but I was going to windward somewhat better and was ahead at the top mark. On the downwind Geoff caught and passed. Back on the wind and I sailed higher and pulled away so when we crossed I was well ahead and held this to the finish.



In the prestart Bruce Watson, still in his new ABS, took Gary into the shallows amongst the ducks. The start found them here and the ref ruled it a "rather large clean start"



Neil Purcell and Bruce Watson had a close race won by Neil. Bruce has repaired his CFE and brought it out for a fleet race afterwards won by Geoff.

Ivan leads Gary Irwin at the top mark.



In the race between Geoff and Kevin Webb, Kevin took the early lead. On the first downwind Geoff got past in a high speed run. Kevin



retook the lead but at the top mark he stalled in the lull and Geoff kept the wind and managed to sail in the gap that

Kevin had left between him and the mark, still keeping the wind.

The final downwind left Kevin trailing as Geoff took the win.



Seawinds Discontinued - or not ?

There is still no clarity in the situation. It appears that this started with Kyosho Japan having no scheduled slot for Seawind production, nor for the Fairwind. There was some speculation that the molds were worn out after nearly 20 years of use, but information from Japan is that production should resume in the northern spring.

Next Week(s):

December 9: Summer Series 4

December 16: Summer Series 5

December 23: Christmas Break

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