

# Sailing 9 December 2012

## Summer Series 4

Weed affected the racing today. With the heat there was scrub rising from the bottom. It wasn't as bad as previous years because we haven't had the weed growth to resupply the dead matter in the silt so much.

The wind was very light in the morning but filled in, mostly, in the afternoon, but it was quite shifty. The conditions meant that one could go from last to up in the leading bunch and back to last in just 2 or three legs.

Kevin won race 1 with Geoff McGill and I chasing hard. Race 2 and I got the lead early and was soon a couple of legs ahead which I held to the finish. Geoff beat Bruce Watson for 2nd.

As boats were launched for race 3 my boat died, fortunately I had the club boat ready so grabbed it and won that race with weed picked up on the downwind slowing me and Geoff and Kevin catching me. I crossed just a half length ahead.



I thought that I had my boat working but after launching it died again, I managed to recover it and get the club boat to the start line late. I was working through the fleet with good speed when the boat just stopped, more weed. I DNFed. Kevin and Dan Leahy locked together at the purple and they too DNFed while Geoff won followed by Bruce and Ian Berquist.



Carol Bergquist won race 5, her first series racing win and a scratch race at that. Congratulations Carol. Ivan Fraser was 2nd and I was 3rd, still in the club boat.

In the final, divisional, race Bruce was followed by Ivan and Geoff.

The top day score went to Geoff with 8, I was next with 12. Bruce had a total of 13 for 3rd.

I lead the series with 3 races counting and one drop. Terry O'Neil hangs on to 2nd with Bruce just 1 point behind for 3rd.

## Chart Board:

4 weeks ago the westerly wind was strong and a gust lifted the board off the table and it hit my back as it went into the water. Nearly all the magnets were dislodged, probably when it hit me. The board was collected from the far side as it floats. I recovered some markers from the pond at the time. Ian went back later with a rake with steel head and because they were magnets was able to get the rest of them to stick to it.

## Sail Servos:

Peter has brought in another batch of Hi-Tec HS-765HB Sail servos. These are available to members for \$60.00 from Peter.



After we finished racing this speed boat started running around the pond. He hit a buoy in the middle and flipped over. Carol and I went with poles and were able to recover it. It was drained and carried on speeding around.

## Next Week(s):

**December 16: Summer Series 5**

**December 23: Christmas Break**

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