

Sailing 25 November 2012

Summer Series 3



Bruce Watson's CFE boat had given problems last week, in fact it drowned out its electronics and had nearly sunk. He emailed: "I stripped the CFE hull & checked for leaks. The fore deck has separated from the hull (excellent 'mouth' entry).

The Rudder inspection hatch also leaks. I think the main hatch is fine!!"

Consequently he turned up today with a new ABS boat (photo above) that he had bought a month or so ago and had to finish quickly while the CFE is repaired.

In this boat Bruce won races 2 and 3 and was 2nd in races 1 and 4. With a ref's assessed 1st his total of 7 was the best of the series so far.

Daniel Leahy's boat didn't get going so he took the club boat which he found handled very well with Dan Bush's mainsail. He managed to get a 2nd place close behind Bruce.

My boat was sailing nicely but developed an issue where it cut out for a second or two before coming back so I reverted to my old 01 which didn't do well in the racing.



Allen Reynolds hasn't been sailing for a while and his rudder servo packed up leaving him having to collect it from the far side. He took my 01 for a race while I reffed but didn't find it to his liking either.

Ian launched his boat for a race and had his mast fall down. Other boats gathered around like



sharks at a dead seal. Eventually it was close enough to be recovered with the pole.

Geoff had won the first race with his ABS that he recently bought from Bruce, just beating Bruce.

Gary Irwin stepped out in race 4 and won by a good margin. In race 5 John McCaulay won having fought with Peter Andrews, Terry and I around the course. Terry O'Neil won the divisional race with Peter and Geoff taking the places.

With Bruce taking a commanding day score for top boat, John, Terry and Geoff had equal scores of 18 for 2nd equal day score.

In the series the position is unchanged from last weekend, after dropping one result, with Terry still holding the lead followed at 1 point intervals by myself and Kevin.

Dan Bush called in at the pond, with his daughter, perhaps he had taken the wrong car and his wife had the boat. He delivered 3 new mainsails that are for sale. He hasn't started making jibs yet but Dan is selling a set for \$70 and single sails for \$40. Send me an email if you want one of the 3 mainsails.

Next Week(s):

December 2: Aggregate Match Start

December 9: Summer Series 4

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