

Sailing 14 October 2012

President's Cup Regatta

After several weeks of bad weather we finally got a nice day with a good breeze for the Regatta. Rain had been forecast for the afternoon but it only arrived as a shower when I was driving home up the motorway.

Only 11 members turned up to sail the races so these were divided into 3 groups. Then each pair of groups sailed 3 times for a total of 9 races.

The course was set to use most of the pond while giving two windward legs at differing angles to ensure that wind swings didn't degrade this to being all reaches reaches. With 9 races to get through it proved to be a good length.

Carol's boat failed with rudder servo problems so she took the club boat. Kevin was in a hard



collision in his 3rd race and this punched a hole in his topsides. This has happened before too. He took my backup 01 but it took a couple of races to get it tuned to the conditions.



Daniel Bush won five races and was 2nd in his remaining one. John McCaulay was the only one to beat him, and they were competing for the lead all the way around the course.

Kevin Webb had won a race before having to swap to 01. He managed to get it tuned well

enough to win his final race.



The pair of marks giving separation at the top.



In race 6 John and Geoff McGill collided and locked mastheads together, this caught Dan Leahy between them who was not able to escape. They drifted ashore to be separated while I managed to win the race with Gary Irwin on my heels.



Overall Dan Bush won the Regatta with his perfect score of 5. Peter Andrews was in the same group but managed enough 2nds and 3rds to be second with a score of 14.

Kevin and I wound up with the same total score of 15 which meant that we had a one lap sail off for third place.



I initially took a small lead around the top mark (photo above) and held this for half the course but a tactical error on my part as we approached the pond wall had Kevin taking the advantage and taking the win for third place.

Results:

- 1st Daniel Bush**
- 2nd Peter Andrews**
- 3rd Kevin Webb**

Next Week(s):

November 4: AGM

November 11: Summer Series Start

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