

Sailing 18 August 2013

Spring Series Round 3:

The day turned out to be sunny and warm but there was not a lot of wind at the start of racing. The first two races were quite slow putting completing all 6 within the time at jeopardy. Race 3 was cut to a single lap and this brought racing back on schedule. The wind picked up for the last three races so we completed on time.

Thirteen members were racing today, plus Harry Bowles turned up as he was in the area and he sailed a couple of races by taking the ref's boats.

I won the first 3 races. In race 1 I was trailing at the rear for the first lap but the group ahead ran out of wind and the tail enders picked up a shift from behind and I sailed into the lead at the top mark to hold that for the rest of the race. John McCaulay and Ian Bergquist taking the places.

In race 2 (start below) I worked my way through to the lead and opened out a good margin. I was again followed by John. Kevin Webb was ahead of John but had to take a penalty turn which also let Bruce Watson through.

In the shortened race 3 I made a good start and soon took the lead to hold it while Kevin and John tussled for the places.

Race 4 was very light at the start which disadvantaged the early starters. John and I worked the shifts and got away from the fleet by a good distance, while I hung onto his tail I never got ahead. Ian led to bulk of the rest and took 3rd place.

In race 5 Jim Koegh led around the first 3 marks, but the stress of leading was too much and Bruce, John and Garry Irwin got past him and these 3 left a good gap behind them. Kevin worked his way from mid-fleet and managed to cross the gap to the leaders, took them on and took the win.

The final, divisional, race had the B division getting a slow start and were soon overtaken by several of the A division boats led by John with Neil Purcell keeping in contact.

I was top boat with 6 points which puts me in the series lead. John's total was 9. Kevin 3rd on 18.

Mark Rounding Problems:



At the orange mark in the far corner of the pond several boats tried to go around together and some rafted up.



A similar event happened at the final mark. I had the inside overlap with 3 boats outside. Insufficient room prevented me turning and the group rafted up. I managed to escape, losing a couple of places while Terry and Dan went ashore.

Because boats need to swing their stern in order to turn, it is necessary that they be given adequate room at marks.

Other Items:

The US Seawind Class Owners Association has produced issue 19 of their Seawind Express newsletter. This is available on the [US-SCOA](#) page* at [SeawindRC.com](#). A link is on the [NZRYS web site](#).

* actually it isn't, the page hasn't been updated. Use the NZRYS link.

Neil Purcell reports that Seawind kits are starting to become available again in the shops now that production has restarted. ABS kits are priced at \$599 with no radio or servos. Get servos from Peter.

Next Week(s):

August 25: Spring Series 4

September 1: Fathers Day

September 8: Aggregate Series FINAL

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