

# Sailing 25 August 2013

## Spring Series Round 4:

The pond was up over the path - and I had forgotten to bring my gumboots. In a couple of places it wasn't very deep so I could launch and recover without too many problems.

The wind was light again, at times nothing at all, but it did pick up later. A course was laid to suit the north-westerly with a reaching start to the far red buoy and a windward from there. The wind shifted more to the north which made race 2 somewhat of a procession, but it went back west so that there were a couple of windward legs.

Geoff McGill won the first race. He and John McCaulay had a touch at the final mark and John was given a penalty which let me through.

In race 2 with the wind swung north Ivan Fraser took the early lead and held this around the course for the win with Terry O'Neil following all the way. Neil Purcell worked his way through the fleet up into third place.

Neil then won race 3 by getting to the first mark and around it before the bunch arrived (photo below, Neil out of frame right on his way to massive lead). Garry Irwin and I had taken the left of the course and circled around the fleet to also get around before the rest rafted up. John extracted himself early and caught up to get 2nd from Garry.

In race 4 Garry Irwin, John and Peter Andrews got away from the fleet and tussled for the lead.

John and I worked up through the fleet to take the lead in race 5. On the windward I got the shifts better but John caught me on the downwinds. I held on for the win with Ian Bergquist leading the rest to 3rd place.

Ian then led around the first mark in the final race and held this lead to the finish line. Geoff led the A division on the leg 1 and worked through the B division to get 2nd place with Ivan 3rd.



*Race 6. Ian with a good lead followed by Geoff (hidden), Ivan and John.*

Overall John had the best score with a string of 2nd places giving him 11 points. I had 15 points, Neil and Garry both totalled 17 points for 3rd equal day score.

I still lead the series with 3 race day counted and one dropped.

The rain held off with just a few spots of rain during the racing and a shower as we left the park.

## Garry's Prang:



Garry's Carbon Fibre Edition Seawind had previously had problems with its bow and it had been filled after splitting.

During this week he was sailing in high winds when a gust pushed the bow

down and rammed it into the wall breaking off much of it and requiring rebuilding.

## Next Week(s):

**September 1: Fathers Day**

**September 8: Aggregate Series FINAL**

**September 15: Spring Series 5**

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