

Sailing 14 July 2013

Winter Series 5

At midday the wind was strong and blustery and foretold a rain squall which duly arrived. By 2pm the wind had moderated somewhat and for most of the racing was good sailing conditions with just a springling of light showers and the odd gust. In the final race, though, another squall came through with gusts maybe up to 20knots. It was past in a few minutes and most of the fleet recovered to finish the race.

There were a dozen members at the pond including Jim Keogh who has just joined us and has built a new kit, and John Dowler who I picked up and brought along without his boat which needs some fixing of the electrics. Only 10 boats sailed though. John sailed my old 01 for a couple of races and Kevin Webbs when he reffed.

My boat was going particularly well today. In the first race I was first to mark 1 and held that all the way around with Peter Andrews and Neil Purcell dogging my tail to the finish. In race 2 Terry O'Neil was first to mark 1 and led all the way to the last mark with me chasing him. At the last mark I managed to get past on the inside but was given a penalty as I hadn't established an overlap early enough. I managed to complete this and took the win by a whisker from Terry.



I reffed race 3 (start above) and Terry again took the lead early on and held it to the last mark but he took the wrong tack on the final leg and John McCaulay took the win with Peter Andrews also crossing ahead of Terry.

John did the same to me on race 4. I had led all the way from the first to the last mark then tacked too early letting both John and Neil get ahead and take the first two places.

In race 5 Terry was again first at mark 1 with myself next and John Dowler sailing Kevin's boat right on my tail. We managed to get past Terry and John chased me all the way to the finish, Peter catching up to be behind us for 3rd.

Race 6 was hit by a strong squall which caused the fleet to be scattered by rounding up and diving. My boat lost control and I pulled out but eventually the squall passed and most finished with Geoff McGill taking the win.

I had the best score of 7 with Peter next on 12 and John McCaulay with 13. The series now is tied between John and Kevin and 3rd is tied between myself and Geoff McGill.

In the divisional series Kevin has taken the lead in A while Terry and Carol are tied in B.

Other Items:

We have some new members: Jim Koegh with his new boat is shown below. He sails with the Electrons and was in a report a couple of months ago for having a small version of the Eletron.

Noel Heerdegen bought Neil's CFE and has joined the club but declined to sail today.



Next Week(s):

July 21: Winter Series FINAL

July 28: Spring Series START

August 4: Aggregate Match Racing 8

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