

Sailing 30 June 2013

Aggregate Match Race Series 7:

The forecast was for showers and light westerlies. Light it certainly was. There were a couple of showers but generally it was warm and occasionally sunny.

With 13 members ready to race there were 26 races to get through so we started a little early, as can be done if the competitors for the first few races in the draw are ready, and kept three races on the course as much as possible.

Before racing there was much discussion about an appropriate course but it was eventually settled, and then changed after the first couple of races.

Daniel Leahy had sailed with the Electrons but had not brought his boat and he took my old 01 which I had retuned for the conditions. Neil Purcell had been sailing around before the racing but his boat failed. The club boat had its sail servo fail last week and I hadn't completed replacement so Neil borrowed Geoff's boat for his races.



When each shower came it brought with it some breeze but afterwards it died away again and sometimes left the boats stranded and drifting.

We managed to get through the rounds of racing keeping good time until the final two races when the wind died away almost completely. Geoff had to wait for Neil to finish his race so there was a delay in getting that started and the scheduled final race between Peter Andrews and Garry Irwin was started (which Peter won see photo left).



Geoff and Ivan Fraser finally got away and drifted slowly around to complete the day's racing.

Kevin Webb holds onto his series lead but John McCaulay with a top score moves into second place.



In the race between Carol Bergquist and Neil Purcell, sailing Geoff's 18, Carol had a good start and swapped the lead twice with Neil to approach the top mark in the lead. Neil got a gust and carried this to get around the mark first.



He held the lead on the downwind and went into the 2nd windward leg with a handy lead.



Neil held onto the starboard tack towards the top mark while Carol put in a short port tack to take a course more in the center of the pond. This gave her the starboard tack advantage when Neil tacked away from the shore and Neil had to let her take the lead around the mark.

Carol held onto the lead on the downwind and took the win.



A trio of Wind Warriors and a brace of Sparrows were also sailing at the pond.

Next Week(s):

July 7: Winter Series 4

July 14: Winter Series

July 21: Winter Series FINAL

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