

Sailing 10 March 2013 Autumn Series 3

There was little to no wind for the Electrons in the morning and again, at midday, it died away completely. The heat of the day brought in thermals which gave us an increasing sea breeze, but it swang around a bit and sometimes died away.

The course was set to the wind but by the time that race 1 started it has swung to the north and this meant that the windwards could be layed on one tack by the boats that could sail close.

A new course was drawn for race 2 and this also provided better separation, though there was still an area where the downwind boats had to sail back though boats on the wind.



Here in race 2 the wind died away and the fleet, except the leading two of Ian Bergquist and John McCaulay, had bunched up at the 2nd top mark.



The wind filled in from behind and they bore down on the leaders who were still becalmed. They did get the wind in time and Ian took the win followed by John.

Ian also won the Divisional race while John won race 4. Bruce Watson won the other 3 races. In race 5 Bruce took a large early lead. I also broke away from the fleet and caught up to Bruce at one point, mainly because he took time to ensure that his keel was clear of weed. He soon recovered his large margin, but fortunately I still held a good lead back to a group fighting for 3rd.



As race 5 counted down one boat ran down the line on starboard while the rest were on port. The resulting mass collision left 4 boats locked up and a restart was called.

It took a while for these to drift ashore and be separated.

John McCaulay was top boat today with 13 points. He was top boat the previous Autumn series day and this takes him to leading the series with one day discarded. Bruce Watson and I were 2nd equal today with 17. Geoff McGill hangs on to series 2nd place while I manage to keep a grip on 3rd series place.



Random Notes:

Bret Bakewell-White has returned to sailing with us after a few months absence.

Gary Irwin had his boat fail and took the club boat to 5th place in a couple of races.

Neil Purcell has sold his CFE Seawind (ex David Harley) to an Ancient Mariner. He still has his ABS and has bought a new ABS kit. Is that his 6th or 7th Seawind ?

State of the Pond:

Re: Pond Work. From: Allen Reynolds

hello Richard

since residents and pond users continue to perform pond maintenance and repairs why would Council be interested in doing same?

perhaps the best way to get their attention is to allow the pond to drain, dry and go fetid then bring in the press - it is an election year!

just a thought...

Allen

Next Week(s):

March 17: Autumn Series 4

March 24: Autumn Series 5

March 31: Easter

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