

# Sailing 24 March 2013

## Autumn Series 5

Another day with the wind light and variable. It was swinging between North and South-East and varying from nothing to a nice sailing breeze. Setting the course was difficult with one moment that set gave a windward leg, a minute later it was a reach. But with a little adjustment two windward legs were set at different angles.



In race 1, start shown above, Garry Irwin got a good start on port and escaped the starboard tack boats. The Club Boat is being used by Terry O'Neil whose boat failed, again, before the start of racing. Allen Reynolds was caught by the starboard tack starters but managed to get a good lift to the first mark along with Garry.



At the second top mark the wind died causing the bulk of the fleet to bunch up at the mark while Garry gets away with Kevin Webb and Allen following.



When the bunch got to the blue mark they were all too close and several rafted up.



Kevin took the lead on the 2nd lap while Peter Andrews had made it across the gap from the bunch. Allen got a lift and at the next mark took



the inside overlap. He then led to the 2nd top mark (red visible under Allen's jib) and held this to take the win with Kevin 2nd and Garry 3rd.

Tom Clark took the lead in race 2 and took the win with Terry and Dan Leahy also stepping away from the bunch taking the places.

Garry won race 4, leading Geoff McGill and Tom.

Dan won races 4 and 6. In race 4 Ivan Fraser was 2nd while Garry was 3rd. In the divisional Geoff took another 2nd place while Ivan was 3rd, but importantly was 1st in B Division.

In race 5 I was first at the first mark after having taken the right hand side of the course with Terry in the Club Boat having taken the left just behind me. We stepped away from the fleet and battled for the lead around the two laps. On the last downwind I managed to break the overlap that Terry had and led into the final leg to take the win.

Overall Geoff McGill had the best score of 17 while Garry was 2nd with 19 and I scored 22.

John McCauly holds onto the series lead with a good margin over Geoff and Kevin.

B Division is now being closely fought with Ian leading by just one point from Ivan and Terry.

### Other Items:

Geoff McGill has supplied some perspex offcuts that can be used for making main hatches. Free to members.

### Next Week(s):

**March 31: Easter**

**April 7: Aggregate Match Race 5**

**April 14: Autumn Series 6**

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