

## Sailing 5 May 2013

### Aggregate Match Race 6

The day started quite nicely. I cycled down to the market and the beach quite early. The Electrons seemed to have sailed with good weather, but the forecast was for heavy rain and it struck just after the Electrons finished with a heavy rain squall driven by high winds. It had cleared by 1:30pm leaving a light nor-nor-west which filled in a bit during the afternoon.

With that wind direction the course had to be set from the far corner back to the north end by the path. We moved a couple of buoys to set up a start line. The green from the far side had lost its weight so we couldn't use that.

With just 6 members turning up there were only a dozen races to get through but we wanted to get them finished before another squall hit.



At the start of Kevin Webb versus Garry Irwin, Kevin hold Garry away from the line even though the count down has completed.

Kevin waits until Garry tries to go behind and then he breaks for the line and leads by a couple of lengths.

Garry had some problems. When he got to the far corner at the downwind mark he lost control. This may be a range problem. He suffered it in each race.

In the final round the sky darkened and there but a brief, but heavy, shower with some stronger winds. We finished the racing by 3:15pm and went home to dry out and warm up.

Kevin Webb, Bruce Watson and John McCaulay had the top scores each winning three of their races.

With two days discarded and four counted Kevin holds top position in the series retaining his maximum score of 32.

### Life of the Pond:



The storm has brought waders from the mudflats into the domain for shelter with this group of pied stilts, a pair of white faced herons and a small flock of masked lapwings (also known as spur winged plovers) noisily squarking around the pond.

### Also at the Pond:



After we finished racing this destroyer model turned up to patrol the pond. It sailed quite effectively

### John's Better

(Peter Andrews, Sun May 5 14:23:52 2013)

Richard

I had a call from John Dowler to thank you for dropping off the newsletters and to acknowledge the card and letter. They cheered him up a lot. He is making progress and should be back fairly soon. He got munched by an SUV and has back and leg injuries.

He will return to work for short periods and is looking forward to getting back sailing again.

Peter

### Next Week(s):

**May 12: Mother's Day - Fun day**

**May 19: Winter Series START**

**May 26: Winter Series 2**

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