

Sailing 26 May 2013

Winter Series 2

There was a nice westerly breeze, a bit of sun and a dozen members at the pond for the 2nd round of the Winter Series.



Start of race 1

In race 1 Bruce Watson made the best start. John McCaulay soon caught him and those two took a large lead on the bulk of the fleet, see below. Further on John was challenging for the lead (left) but Bruce managed to hold on and won the first race.



Tom Clark was back with us and led the rest of the fleet to be 3rd. Later Tom's son Ryan, who sailed with us

some years ago, also was at the pond with his children, the reason he hasn't sailed for some time. He took Tom's boat for one race.

In race 2 I managed to get into the leading group after being last at one point. Terry O'Neil, Ian Bergquist and I swapped lead several times around the last few marks and I was third around the last mark but took a different tack and caught a lift to take the lead in the last few metres to get the win from Terry then Ian.

Bruce also won race 3. Again he got away and took a lead, again John was up with him but temporarily lost control and dropped back to 3rd while Geoff McGill passed him for 2nd place.

John the won race 4, Bruce had fallen back in the fleet but worked his way into 2nd place with myself on Bruce's tail. John slowed and his large lead was being erroded fast by Bruce as the finish approached, John taking the win by a couple of metres with Bruce sailing much faster.

Peter was having trouble with range and lost control at the furthest mark several times. He gave up and reefed the last 3 races.

In race 5 Terry was leading with Tom catching. Just a few metres from the finish Terry's rudder failed and he stalled while Tom came through to take the win while Terry took a DNF. Terry took the club boat for the final race.

Tom won the final race leading John and Dan Leahy.

John was top boat for the day with a total of 10. This takes him to the lead in the series. Bruce had 2nd top spot with 13 and I was 3rd on 16.

The club boat and my old 01 were used by a couple of visitors to the pond. Neil came from Clark's Beach to try sailing the Seawind and took 01 around the course in a some races.

Other Items

Peter Andrews has had problems with his rudder, it was loose and could be shifted when the servo remained static. He discovered that the crossbar on the rudder had loosened so that the nylon cross was not irmly fixed to the brass boss.

I have repaired these before (see Sailing Report December 27 2009) but a new one only costs a few dollars. Peter is obtaining some for supplying to members.

Next Week(s):

June 2: Queen's Birthday - Fun day

June 9: Winter Series 3

June 16: Winter Series 4

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