

## Sailing 8 September 2013

### Aggregate Match Series FINAL:

Thirteen members turned out for the final of the Aggregate Match Race Series. Plus I brought John Dowler who is off to America on Monday.

With a westerly wind tending southerly the course ran between 'tree pink' and 'basketball'. As usual at 'tree' the wind became light and shifty and this gave gains and losses in equal measure.



*I lead Peter Andrews away from the top mark while Neil Purcell challenges Bruce Watson.*



Ivan Fraser's boat had a winch pull off the deck. As this held the main sheet it could not be sailed effectively. He took my old 01, shown here leading Dan Bush's 478, but it was not tuned well for the light conditions.



Several boats had 3 wins: Carol Bergquist (shown above while Garry Irwin tacks), Geoff McGill, Peter Andrews, Kevin Webb, Bruce Watson and Dan Bush.

Kevin Webb wins the series with Geoff McGill and John McCaulay equal 2nd. The challenger for the Match Race Cup 2013 will depend on the outcome of the 2012 series. If Kevin wins that then Geoff and John will sail off for the right to challenge.

## Match Race Cup 2012

Geoff and Kevin had another 2 races of the Cup race of 2012. It is necessary to get this series completed to choose the defender for the 2013 Match Race Cup.

In the first race Geoff was ahead at the start and extended this lead during the race to take the win.



After a session taking a group photo the 2nd race had a very close start after a chase along the line during the count down. Geoff almost ran out of runway and managed to start just short of the far mark.



Kevin took an early lead but Geoff benefitted from a shift and at the first cross Geoff held the starboard advantage and crossed ahead.

Kevin dipped behind and gained on a port tack shift to be sufficiently forward to force Geoff to tack away.



Kevin then held Geoff on that tack to the lay line so that he could turn and get to be first at the windward mark - 'tree pink'. As usual the wind was light at that mark and Geoff caught up and managed to turn inside to leave them side by side on the downwind.

Kevin pushed the boats to the right side of the course and then broke away to get the lead at the downwind mark and take the win.

Results: **Geoff: 3, Kevin: 2** in best of 9.

### RE: Group Photo

From: "James Dowler" <james.k.dowler@gmail.com>

Great shot! Thank you Richard. It will get printed out and framed for John. It will serve as a source of pleasant memories for him for many years.

Best wishes, Jim Dowler

### Next Week(s):

**September 15: Spring Series 5**

**September 22: Spring Series 6**

**September 29: Spring Series FINAL**

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