

Sailing 22 September 2013

Spring Series 6:

Before racing started the wind was quite strong and was from the west, swinging somewhat north and south. This gave some problems selecting a good start line and windward legs, so it was suggested that we delay starting the races until the wind swung to a better angle.



The pond was up over the path and almost up to gumboot depth at the path edge. The Electrons could sail their boats up to the picnic table and recover them from the grass, but Seawinds were too deep.

The wind moderated during the afternoon to a nice sailing breeze but still kept westerly and swinging. This sometimes left the race as somewhat of a procession (as below).

Kevin Webb took the top score today. He won races 1, 3 and 4 taking large leads as below in race 4, but a couple of 9ths (one discarded) left him with 16.

Bruce Watson and I had equal 2nd scores of 20. I had won race 5. Neil Purcell and I had pulled away from the fleet by a good margin with myself sitting on Neil's tail. At a downwind mark Neil made a wide rounding and I cleanly cut inside to take the lead to the finish. Bruce made his score with some 2nds and 3rds.

Ivan Fraser won race 2 by leading from the start and holding onto this to the finish. Tom Clark won the final, divisional, race.

I have managed to hold onto the series lead, with 4 days racing counting and two discarded days, by one point from John McCaulay with Bruce currently 3rd. There is just one more race day in the series, with a lay day if next week is cancelled.

It was a really nice days sailing.



Richard,

John is back and, since he does not do email, asked me to thank you for your kindness and for the many friendships that the sailing club provided.

He told me that he did not get the opportunity to say goodbye to you properly and regrets that omission.

My personal thanks to you and the club members for your outreach are extended as well.

Regards,
Jim Dowler

Divisional Series

With just one more sailing day in the current series John McCaulay and Terry O'Neil have handy leads in their respective divisions.

Match Race Cup 2012

Geoff McGill and Kevin Webb were keen to sail some more races but with the wind direction from the west and swinging it was not possible to set a reasonable windward-leeward course so this were delayed, yet again, until next week.



Ivan Fraser leading race 4 to the black buoy windward mark.

Next Week(s):

September 29: Spring Series FINAL

October 6: Lay Day

October 13: President's Regatta

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