

Sailing 1 December 2013

Aggregate Series 1

There was sufficient wind for the start of the Aggregate Match Race Series, and the average direction was good being south to south-west. But it was very shifty and seemed to follow one around on each tack.



An infrequent occurrence today: boats at high speed downwind.

A number of boats had problems today. I had brought along the hybrid club boat and my old 01 and both of these were used as boats failed. Peter had an odd problem. Where the sheet comes through the deck it had worn the hole into a slot and this was too low for the turning sheave. The sheet jumped off and jammed underneath. It was fixed sufficiently to sail for today.

The draw for the first round of the series is based on last year's final results, but John Macaulay was late and arrived after the draw had been done so he was put at the end of the draw.

Five members had 3 wins, no one had 4: John, Peter Andrews, Kevin Webb, Garry Irwin and Ivan Fraser. Carol Bergquist won 2 races.



While the top mark was often quite difficult with light and shifty wind, sometimes there were gusts from any direction.

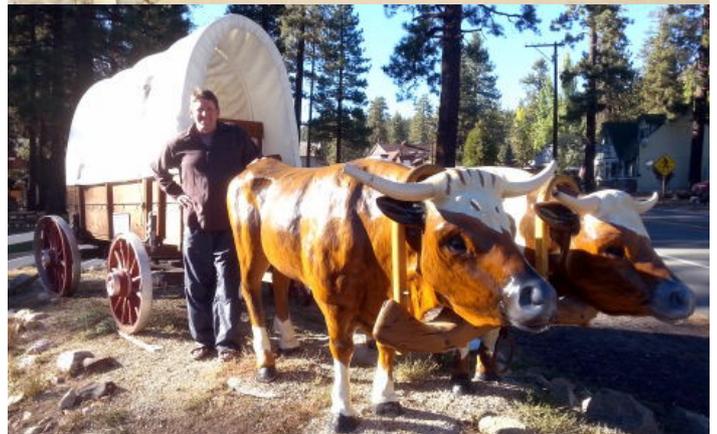


Members

John Dowler seems to have been doing a lot of travelling around the USA and doing all the touristy things.

Left: John with Marilyn Monroe statue in Palm Springs.

Below: unknown location of western mining and pioneer attractions.



Webmod

We were in the vicinity of Webmod so I stopped by to see if the parts I had ordered were there. A notice on the door that they had closed down and to contact them via the website. It might be time now to get in touch with Toymod to see if we should buy up some parts as we had discussed last year. If we do it might encourage them to continue to order in parts.

Peter

Next Week(s):

December 8: Summer Series 4

December 15: Summer Series 5

December 22: Christmas Break

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