

Sailing 8 December 2013

Summer Series 4

The wind started out being from the North-West which makes having a windward leg rather difficult. A course was set with a reaching start to the far corner red and then a windward back to the path. Several did not want to round a mark so far away. Before racing started, though, a squall came through and the wind switched to the west so a new course was laid.

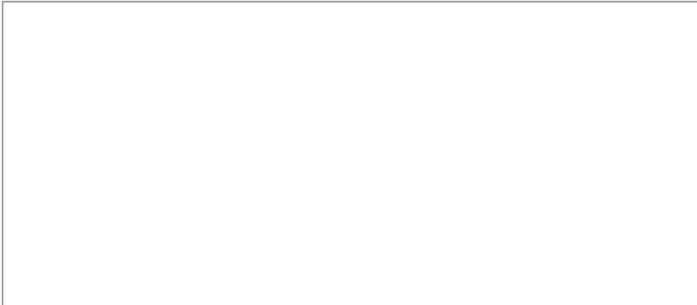
There were a couple of squalls that passed, but there wasn't a lot of rain.

Ian did all the umpiring. It will be some weeks before he can use both hands again after his operation on tendons and carpal tunnel.

The race format now has the first race as handicap, as well as races 3, 4 and 6). Peter Andrews took a good sized lead early in race 1 all the way to the finish with Terry O'Neil chasing him and getting 2nd place. Bruce Watson worked his way to lead the rest of the fleet for 3rd.

Peter again took a good lead in race 2, but John Macaulay overtook and won with Neil Purcell 3rd.

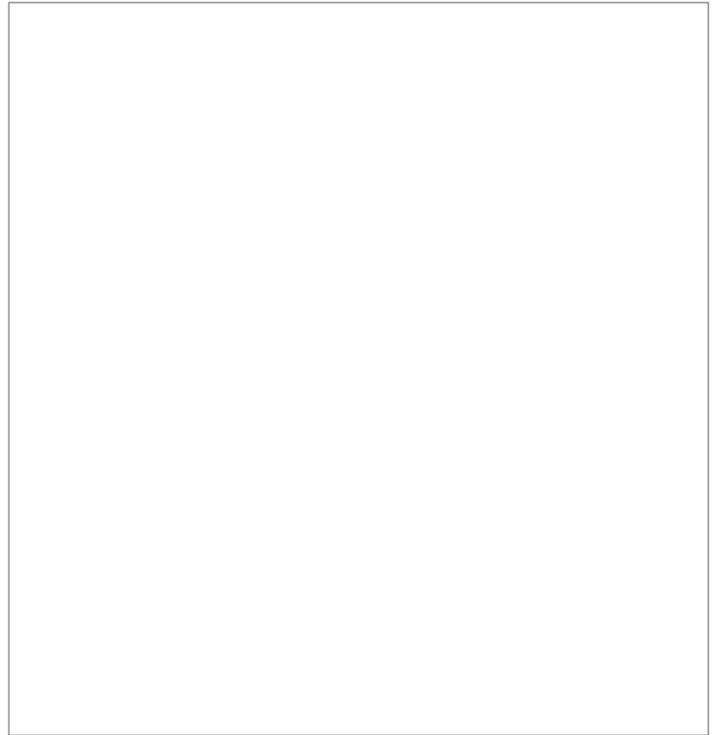
John also won race 3 and Neil took 2nd. Race 4 was then won by Neil from John and Bruce.



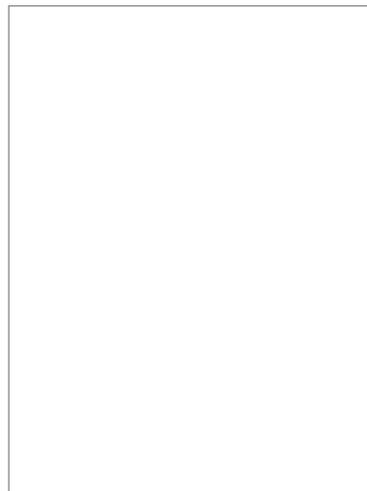
Race 4 with Neil's boat leading but out of picture to the right.

Bruce won the last two races. In race 5 Kevin Webb finally made some progress for a 2nd place. In the final race Carol Bergquist had led all the way to the final mark but had been passed by Bruce on approaching the finish line.

Onepoto State of the Pond



Garry saw this in a local advertising flier and thought that it could be an alternate for the council to clean Onepoto Pond.



Things to Avoid: Number 32

A few collisions today in the gusty winds had boats locked together and taking to the far shore.

Photo below: Carol leading the final race

Next Week(s):

December 15: Summer Series 5

December 22: Christmas Break

December 29: New Year Break

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