

Sailing 6 April 2014

Aggregate Match Race Series 5

There was not a lot of wind at midday, and what there was swung between south-east and north-west.. By race time it had settled to being mostly south-west and gentle but adequate.

There was, however, a bit of weed around, and it was not being blown away. Most boats caught some and it was important to clear during the race.

First up were Bruce Watson and Garry Irwin. After close manoeuvring in the pre-start they swapped the lead on the first leg.



At the top mark Bruce, on starboard, had right of way and was around the mark first with Garry going around outside and drawing level on the downwind.

Slowly Garry eased up on Bruce and contact resulted in Bruce being given a penalty.



But Bruce drew ahead and on the 2nd lap had a sufficient gap to take the turn and still lead to take the win.



Mike McCaw took a win from Kevin Webb. After keeping it close throughout the race Mike passed on the final leg. Photo above taken a second or two after Mike crossed the finish line with Kevin crossing.

Bruce Watson, Geoff McGill and I all had 4 wins. Kevin had 3 wins. Bruce retains his lead in the series with myself now 2nd and Kevin 3rd.

A fleet race afterwards was won by Bruce.

Match Race Cup 2013: Race 3

Geoff McGill and Kevin Webb decided to have another race in the Best of 9.



After chasing each other to the path they were both late to the start line with Kevin having a good lead.



It seemed that Geoff had picked up some weed, a couple of leaves, as Kevin increased his lead to the finish to take the win.

Series Status:

Geoff	1 win
Kevin	2 wins

Geoff Akinson's new 24



Attached are a couple of photos of the new #24. Hopefully sea trials will start 20th April. I had to dismantle and fix the 2.4GHz receiver when a short appeared with it. Surprisingly it was a faulty capacitor, which is rare at 3.3v.

Next Week(s):

April 13: Autumn Series FINAL

April 20: Easter fun day

April 26: ANZAC weekend fun day

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