

# Sailing 10 August 2014

## Spring Series round 2

This is the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in a row where there were strong winds during the week and then just light airs for sailing.



A course was set to use all the pond and get in two windward marks. With the wind light, though, it proved to be a bit long and the last race ran over 4pm by 10 minutes of so.

There were 15 members at the pond for the racing. Dan Leahy had sailed with the Electrons but hadn't brought his Seawind so he borrowed Savannah 96 and managed to get a 2<sup>nd</sup> place with it and may have got another.

Carol Bergquist won the first race, a group of Carol, Dan and Terry O'Neil led but the latter two were passed by Kevin Web and Peter Andrews who took the placings.

In race two I took an early lead and held it for the first lap but John Macaulay and Bruce Watson passed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> lap and I was 3<sup>rd</sup> behind them.

Peter Andrews and Ian Bergquist led race 3 for most of the course but John caught and passed Ian with Peter holding on for the win.

In race 4 Trevor Shoebridge took an early lead to the first mark (photo below, his boat is out of shot on the right). Ivan Fraser got a good lift to the centre of the pond but the wind shifted and when he tacked back all the advantage was lost. Kevin Webb soon came through to take the lead with Dan in the club boat holding on to his tail to

take 2<sup>nd</sup> while Terry held on for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Bruce Watson showed his paces and took the win in race 5, Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup> and Neil Purcell 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the last race the B division group of Terry, Ivan, Ian and Garry Irwin got away leaving a gap back to the rest of the fleet and only John was able to catch them to take 2<sup>nd</sup> while Terry held on for the win, Ivan 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Both John and Bruce had an equal top score of 12 while Bruce was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 16.

There were many boats, including myself, that caught on buoys. Most were pushed off by other boats but Neil could not be dislodged and a line was taken out to pull him and the buoy back.



Later he noticed that his rudder had broken. It may have happened when it was pulled to shore.



*This morning Garry Irwin sailed his Electron 'G' into a good sized lead in a race.*

### Next Week(s):

**August 17: Spring Series 3**

**August 24: Spring Series 4**

**August 31: Spring Series 5**

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