

# Sailing 17 August 2014

## Spring Series round 3

Yet another Sunday with very light winds after a week of high winds. A simple windward-leeward course was set so that the races could be completed in time. Even then a couple of races were reduced to single lap to try to keep the average race time to 20 minutes.

Mike McCaw had a winch pull from the deck. As this held the mainsheet bridle he took Savannah 96 for the racing.

Harry Bowles turned up with Highwayman 48. This hadn't been used for many months and he sailed alongside the racing but eventually the dormant time told and it failed.

In race 1 Peter Andrews took an early lead with myself catching him up. I led at the end of the first lap but this race wasn't cut to a single lap and Bruce Watson took the lead and the win with Peter 2<sup>nd</sup> and I held 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Race 2 had Kevin Webb taking the win with Terry O'Neil and Peter getting the places.

Race 3 was set as a single lap before the start due to time and light wind. Dan Leahy took an early lead by passing Carol Bergquist.. Bruce caught and passed Carol on the final leg to take 2<sup>nd</sup> from her.

In race 4 the wind died so the early starters (it was a handicap race) were becalmed on the left side of the course by the path. I went to the right and picked up a breeze that took me to the lead at the first mark which I held for the rest of the race for the win. Neil Purcell and Peter also broke away from the group to be 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For race 5 the wind had switched 180 degrees giving a downwind start. Kevin took a huge lead being nearly the length of the pond by his turning the final mark to take his 2<sup>nd</sup> win. Garry Irwin, Bruce and I led the rest and swapped places and eventually Garry took 2<sup>nd</sup> with Bruce 3<sup>rd</sup>.



The B Division is being fought closely and they were close in a group at their start time (above). Dan had passed the C Division boats by the 2<sup>nd</sup> mark but all B and C were in a very close group. The wind died and went South-West, Ian Bergquist took a wide rounding, went towards the centre of the pond to get a breeze and took the lead (photo below Ian on rhs edge) and held this to take the win. Kevin and Bruce managed to work through the fleet to take 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Kevin was top boat with 10 points and now leads the series. Bruce 1 point behind was 2<sup>nd</sup> today I was a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> on 18.

## Divisional Correction

Last week I had Ivan's and Ian's results in the Divisional series reversed. After this week's race Terry still holds the lead in B division but Ian has caught up to be just 1 point behind with Ivan 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In A Division Kevin has moved up to be first equal with John Macaulay, who didn't sail today. Bruce is 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Carol leads the C division, having 7 C Division wins in the 9 races so far this series.

## Next Week(s):

**August 24: Spring Series 4**

**August 31: Spring Series 5**

**September 7: Fathers Day – Fun Day**

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