

Sailing 16 February 2014

Autumn Series Start

The day was hot and the pond was malodorous. The wind at the start was light and fickle, but it picked up during the afternoon into a nice sailing breeze.



Race wins went to Ian Bergquist, Neil Purcell (shown above making a great start in race 2 – on time and at speed), Ivan Fraser, Terry O'Neil, Geoff McGill and Carol Bergquist (who also had a 3rd and 4th)

Peter Andrews was top boat with a score of 14 from 2nd and 4th places. Geoff had a total of 16 with a 2nd and a couple of 3rd places. Kevin Webb was 3rd today with 18 points.

A good start to the new seasonal series.

New Members



Mike McCaw joined the club. He has bought Allen Reynolds number 9, but didn't bring it to the pond today. He sailed Savannah 96 in a couple of races.

Dick Bannister is also a new member. He didn't come today but a trio of his friends were at the park and they took turns sailing 96.

Next Week(s):

February 25: Autumn Series 2

March 2: Aggregate Series 4

March 9: Autumn Series 3

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Match Race Cup 2013

Geoff McGill and Kevin Webb decided that it was time to start sailing for the Match Race Cup 2013. The wind was more Northerly so a N-S course was set.



In **race 1** Kevin started on starboard from the far end of the line while Geoff started on port from the near end and went behind. On the next cross (above) Kevin managed to cross ahead. Geoff did get the lead around the top mark but the downwind had Kevin retake the lead.



Geoff caught up and at the top mark it was Geoff who crossed close ahead to take the lead at the mark. Geoff then held on on the downwind and took the win.

Race 2 saw Geoff cross the line with Kevin following. Geoff increased his lead all the way to the final mark. On the last leg to the finish Geoff went to the right and fell into a hole while Kevin held the wind on the left, was ahead on the final cross and took the win.

A **third race** was started with Kevin leading at the start after Geoff was early and had to dip behind the line. Geoff recovered the ground and led around the top mark. On the downwind Kevin, on starboard, caught up. Geoff gybed to starboard and closed but a collision had Geoff's backstay caught on Kevin's boom cleat. The two boats drifted off with 18 being dragged backwards. The race was abandoned.



Best of 9 Series

Geoff McGill 1

Kevin Webb 1