

Sailing 23 February 2014

Autumn Series 2

Today it was survival conditions for much of the racing. The wind was strong and gusty. Terry O'Neil set a course that gave two windward legs and kept away from the areas that were affected too much by the trees.



With the adverse conditions there were several problems. Neil Purcell's '6' had rudder failure so he took my old 01. A connector failed on this and the mast collapsed. The boat was brought ashore and the mast restored. I broke the mast, again, on my boat so I took over the refereeing for the remaining races.

The number of finishers declined from 10 in the first race to six in the last.

Geoff Atkinson did the best in the conditions with two race wins and a couple of 2nd. His boat failed for the final race but he had secured top day score of 10. With just one day counting and one discard Geoff takes the series lead.

Kevin Webb was next with a total of 15 from five 3rd places. With 17 points including a win in race five, Garry Irwin was 3rd today.

Terry O'Neil had won race 1, managing to hold off Geoff Atkinson and Kevin on the final leg. Geoff McGill won race 3. Garry Irwin won race 5 and Carol Bergquist won the final race, taking a good lead with Kevin and Peter Andrews threatening her on the final leg. Peter slipping past Kevin just a boat length from the line.



Photo above: A gust hits on the downwind. Garry (left), with his boom vang disconnected in an earlier collision, dives. Peter (centre) broaches to windward with his jib boom dragging in the water. Terry (right) has his foredeck underwater.

Around the Pond



A new boardwalk is being built from Exmouth St through the wetlands to behind the clubhouse. The current boardwalk through the bush along the crater

wall will also be upgraded.



A fence has been erected to stop dogs and children walking onto the mud and sinking into it.

New Members



It wasn't a good day for new members to start racing. Mike McCaw was back with '9' but he needs to sort out how the rigging is set.

New member Kathy Simpson (left) was with us today. She has a new boat numbered 350 that is moulded in bright white ABS, it is not painted.



Peter helped her get the rigging set up but with the high wind she decided to sail the club boat '96'.

Dick Bannister had his new boat (left) 'Nonsense 77' today

Next Week(s):

March 2: Aggregate Series 4

March 9: Autumn Series 3

March 16: Autumn Series 4

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