

Sailing 27 July 2014

Spring Series 1 - Start

At midday it looked that it could be a good day for sailing with a good breeze, though it was shifting around. But then some rain came and when this passed the wind died away. The wind did return later during the racing, but so did the rain.

The course was set when the wind was light so it was a short triangular one. Initially it had the boats pass the far side of most the buoys on the far side but this caused too many problems as the boats had to bunch together, plus the wind was sometimes sheltered so close to the far bank, so these marks were dropped leaving just the three corner marks for the later races.

I made a very poor start in the first race, not only missing my handicap start but being last across the line, but I soon made up for that and picked up a lift that took me to the first mark 2nd just behind Carol. I managed to pass her and the two of us had a good lead on the rest. On the final downwind Kevin Webb and Terry O'Neil caught and passed Carol to take the places from her.

In race 2 Peter Andrews took an early lead and this improved as the bulk of the fleet ran out of wind at the first mark while Peter ran away down wind. On the final reach John Macaulay, Kevin Webb and Ian Bergquist caught Peter. John took the lead on the beat to the finish and came to the right hand side of the course but Peter and Kevin caught a lift on the left and took the line to push John back to 3rd, just ahead of Ian.

In race 3 Ivan Fraser led much of the way but John caught and passed to win, Ivan 2nd with Terry 3rd.

Ivan was well placed again in race 4, in the rain, but he was denied a win yet again, this time by Kevin, Ivan 2nd while Neil Purcell took 3rd.

John won again in race 5 with Terry getting 2nd and I passed a handful of boats on the last downwind to get to 3rd place.

Carol won the final race again this week. She took an early lead with Mike McCaw close behind. They were being caught by John and Kevin but held on to the finish, Mike 2nd with Kevin closely in 3rd.

Kevin had the top score today with a total of 10 points, John Macaulay was just one point behind while I had 3rd top score with a distant 18 points.

Pond Desilting progress – from Carol

The consent for desilting the ponds has been lodged and will be processed as non-notified.

As the preference for locating the geobags containing silt is to the west of the ponds, we will be getting odours from the break-down of organic matter during sailing. I guess we should put up with this as the eastern location (directly opposite across the other side of the access road) and prevailing wind direction will contain the risk of houses being affected. Odour levels will be checked monthly during the 10 month drying period, and if too offensive can be 'deodourised' or covered with mulch to filter odours.

I've attached a copy of the windrose as it might be useful/of interest.

They have got the dredge levels right now, and included in the consent is repairs to fountain pump intake, repairs to outlet chamber and repairs to flap valve chamber.

Pond State

There was plenty of surface weed today, mostly around the path.

These three boats co-operated to shift



a branch to the path where it was lifted away. It was raining at the time.

Photo below: Start of race 2.

Next Week(s):

August: 3: Aggregate Series 8

August 10: Spring Series 2

August 17: Spring Series 3

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