

Sailing 8 June 2014

Winter Series 3

There was a nice sailing breeze today for most of the time. A very slight shower did arrive briefly which had many fetching their jackets.



In race one Carol Bergquist took an early lead and held onto it until the last downwind when John Macaulay passed and took the win with Carol 2nd. Bruce Watson had rounded the wrong yellow but recovered to get back into 3rd place. For the next race the mark was changed to that yellow as the far shore was too sheltered.

In race 2 John had taken the lead again with a bunch of boats close behind. I rounded the final mark in 5th place but picked the best tacks and overtook 3 boats to get 2nd place with Neil Purcell getting 3rd. Bruce had hung up on a buoy just after the start and took some time to clear it.



Bruce and Carol tried to round the 'basket ball' wing mark at the same time from different angles and they locked together.

Race 3 had Terry O'Neill getting the lead by the top mark with myself and Kevin chasing after him. Terry managed to hold this lead and took the win.

Race 4 was another win for John, by a wide margin. Bruce was 2nd while Mike McCaw had a good race and finished 3rd. Carol and I met the same 'basket ball' wing mark during a gust and locked together. We managed to sail together to, and round, the next mark where we separated.

Another win for John in the 5th race with Garry Irwin and Bruce taking the places.

In the final race Carol had taken a good lead but was run down by John and Bruce.

With 5 race wins John had the best possible score for the day. Bruce was 2nd with 15 and I was 2 points behind that.



Neil Purcell has repainted his old boat, it is now with a gold hull with blue and white tape waterline stripes.

His sail servo failed in race 3 which gave him a couple of DNS plus he reffed race 6.

Next Week(s):

June 15: Winter Series 4

June 22: Winter Series 5

June 29: Winter Series 6

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Photo below: In race one the top mark was silver (just right of center of photo) and then to pink but the wind was too sheltered on that side and the course was shortened to eliminate the marks on the far shore.

