

Sailing 22 June 2014

Winter Series 5

It was the shortest day today, but we had the longest races. Earlier there was only a little bit of wind for the Electrons but a shower between the club groups killed that. There were times when there was almost a nice breeze.

Carol Bergquist had forgotten her hatch, I carry a spare so was able to fix that, but then her boat failed, probably with a broken wire so she took 96. Neil Purcell had his boat fail too and he took the other spare: my old 01.

The first race gave no advantage to the handicapped boats, they barely cleared the line during the countdown. It took almost ten minutes to do the first leg to the 'tree pink'. Ian Bergquist was first to the mark but drifted onto it. Three others had been close for some time but I picked up a breath and raced to the mark and took the lead. The race was reduced to one lap but still took 40 minutes to complete with John Macaulay taking the win, Bruce Watson and Ian placing.

The race course was reduced to remove the tree and bridge marks which had too much shelter.

Race 2 also was reduced to one lap. I managed to get a lift and went from mid fleet to take the lead at the first mark, holding this to the win with Bruce and Carol taking the places.

Race 3 managed to complete 2 laps led all the way by Bruce with a good lead (see photo below), John getting 2nd and Ian in the bunch here, pulling away for 3rd.

By now it was 3:30 and we needed to complete 4 races to avoid abandoning the day. Bruce took an early lead with me chasing. Kevin Webb worked the shifts and took the lead and held on to get the win. He completed just before 4pm.

The scores for the best 3 races are scaled by multiplying by 5 and dividing by 3. John totalled 6 points, Bruce had 8 and I was 10 points.

John now has the series lead by a large margin.

No Divisional and no handicap changes.

Membership:

Thought you would be interested to know that our paid up membership is now 22. For the year 2012/13 it was 16 and 2011/12 was 26.

So our membership has recovered a bit. It would be great if they all turned up at once.

Peter Andrews, secretary.

Garry and the Electrons:



Garry Irwin has bought an Electron: Number 463 and named Salty J.

He sailed with the Electrons this morning and found it as light and slow as the Seawinds did in the afternoon.



The new elevated walking and cycle boardwalk through the wetlands to the Exmouth St entrance has been finished and is in use.

Next Week(s):

June 29: Winter Series 6

July 6: Aggregate Match Racing 7

July 13: Winter Series FINAL

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