

Sailing 2 March 2014

Aggregate Match Race Series 4

The morning did not look promising, there was little or no wind. It did pick up over lunchtime and was a nice sailing breeze for the racing.

Thirteen members racing meant 26 races to get through. Keeping two races on the track got through these in good time.

The first race was between myself and John Macaulay. With the very light wind I was stranded and entered late. I started well but the penalty turn left me trailing all the way to the last leg. Around the last mark John held onto port while I tacked to starboard heading to the path side of the pond. When John tacked for the line he was in a dead spot while I picked up a shift and sailed past him for the win. John won the rest of his races while I lost mine.



Peter Andrews leads Geoff Atkinson to the downwind mark while John Macaulay leads Carol Bergquist on the windward leg.

Bruce Watson won all four of his races and takes the lead in the series.

Rebuilds

Just a couple of weeks ago I had to fix a split on the deck at the hatch edge on number 1. I also replaced a couple of posts on the servo tray with a block of Tufnol as they had split and broken up. Now, with the mast broken last week I decided to strip it down and repaint it.



The mast had broken just at the top of the copper jointer. Previously it had broken at the bottom of this because of corrosion from the dissimilar metals

An aluminium split was shaped and inserted with plenty of epoxy glue.. It is now good as new.

Pulling the keel out also pulled the insert and the blue tube. This all glued together satisfactorily. The boat is back to being light grey.

I also had to strip down the electronics in Savannah 96 as they had drowned out when the plug was dislodged during sailing last week.

Filming at the Pond

The film crew arrived just after 2pm and set up their cameras at the bridge end. I gave them Savannah 96 to practice with so they could work out the best ways to shoot.



Later they wanted to film several boats in a staged race – 96 was to win it. Those not in the match races at that time went down to the end of the pond and did several retakes to get it right.



For the 'Prize Giving' they moved up to behind the table we use and several members acted as 'Rent a Crowd' to cheer the winner.



New Member

Alex Roy joined the club today. His new boat will be numbered 303 after a Polish RAF squadron during World War II.

Next Week(s):

March 9: Autumn Series 3

March 16: Autumn Series 4

March 25: Autumn Series 5

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