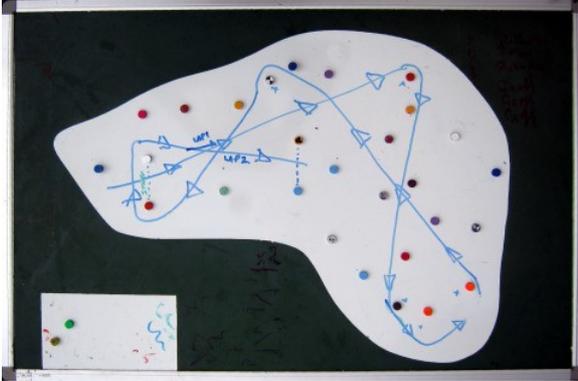


Sailing 16 March 2014

Autumn Series 4

Tropical cyclone Lucy passed over last night and left the day overcast and with a stiff breeze. There was some rain at midday and it did threaten some more, but that didn't arrive until I was driving home.



With the wind in the North-East it was difficult to set a windward start so the first leg was set as a long reach to the red in the far corner (photo below of race 2) with a windward back towards the black close to tree pink. A 2nd windward was from 'basketball' to around the start marks. Then, after the end of lap 2, there was a short reach to the separate finish line.

There were a number of failures. Peter Andrews didn't get his boat working for race 1 and took 96 for the most of the rest. Neil Purcell's failed in the first race and he took my old 01 for the rest.

Terry O'Neil's 12 failed in race 3. He refed race 4 and Peter gave him 96 for the last two races which Peter refed. He couldn't get the controls to work 'backwards' but managed to get 3rd in the last race, importantly 1st in division B.

Ian Bergquist's 55 gave problems in race 4 and he wound up in the mud. He took Carol's 99 for the last two races.

Race wins went to Garry Irwin, Bruce Watson, Ivan Fraser, Geoff McGill and Kevin Webb with the last two races.

Kevin now leads the series followed by Geoff McGill then Garry Irwin and I with 3rd equal score.

Correction

Last week Terry O'Neil did finish the divisional race and I have updated the results to reflect this. I also recorded Mike McCaw's result as DNF and this has also been adjusted.

From Mike:

Thanks for the update. You'll be pleased to know that a bit of work has gone into 09 already tonight - the rigging for the mainsail has been replaced and the battery connection has also been upgraded. I think the battery connection is where most of my problem was today at the end of the first race and knocking me out of the second race.

Mike finished all races today and took a couple of 4th places.

Starting Timer

Geoff Atkinson took the timer away again last week and replaced a transistor. It should be much more reliable now.

North Shore Times

An article appeared last week about a complaint to the council about Onepoto. Apparently a small dog had walked onto the soft mud at the North end and sank into it. Oh, how we laughed. The article is on the web site.



Next Week(s):

March 23: Autumn Series 5

March 30: Autumn Series 6

April 6: Aggregate Match Series 4

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