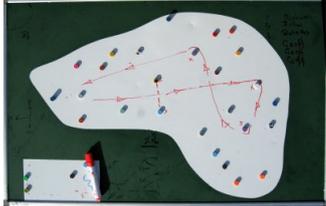


Sailing 4 May 2014

Winter Series Start

It looked as if the new series may not start as the wind was almost nil. The sun came out and this generated some breeze though it was swinging around the compass.



A simple course was set by Terry with various angles to try to get a windward leg somewhere no matter which way the wind swung.

In race 1 Kevin Webb and Neil Purcell managed to work their way through the light winds and took a good sized lead from the rest of the fleet that was uncontested.

Peter Andrews had a good start in race 2 and picked the best route to the top mark. He soon was well ahead but Kevin and Garry Irwin caught him in the 2nd lap and passed. Kevin won but Peter recovered in the final windward to the mark for 2nd place.

Geoff McGill won the next 3 races. In race 3 at the bottom mark in light winds several boats tried to round together and rafted up. Geoff managed to avoid these and Peter got around the mark inside the bunch to get 2nd. Terry O'Neill broke away to get 3rd place.

In race 4 it was Kevin and Peter taking the places. Race 5 had Ian Bergquist right up with the leaders and getting 2nd place while Neil Purcell took 3rd.

The final, divisional, race had Kevin Webb working through the fleet and taking a large lead for the win while Geoff and I fought for the places, which Geoff won by half a boat length.

Kevin won the day with 6 points, Geoff 2nd on 10 and Garry Irwin 3rd with 18.



The Divisional Series 1 trophies were presented today by Commodore Kevin Webb to Ivan Fraser for B



Division and to Carol Bergquist for C Division.

Bruce Watson won the A Division but was not at the pond today and will be presented later.

Match Race Cup 2013, races 5 and 6



Geoff McGill and Kevin Webb are trying to get this best of 9 series finished, and so they had two races today after the Winter Series.

In race 5 Kevin was rather late getting into the start box giving Geoff time to enter on starboard and get to Kevin as he tried to get around the mark. Geoff trailed at the start and after Kevin completed his penalty turn the two were side by side.

Geoff misjudged the top mark and ran squarely into it. After circling and rounding he had cleared the penalty but was behind on the downwind. He picked up some weed on the windward le and the race was abandoned.



The restart was more equal with Geoff on starboard forcing Kevin into a lee position. At the first cross Geoff was clear ahead. It looked like Kevin could take the lead approaching the top mark but Geoff caught a gust and rounded ahead.

Side by side on the downwind Kevin held the inside overlap. Geoff went to the wrong side on the windward and fell behind with Kevin stepping out and taking the win.

In race 6 the wind was light and Geoff failed to get into the box by 40 seconds and had to take a penalty. At the start Kevin was ahead but to leeward and Geoff had to take his turn.



In the light winds at the top mark Geoff managed to get the inside overlap and took back the lead.

After swapping the lead several times, on the final windward Geoff held a narrow lead and won.

Results after 6 races:

Kevin Webb	4 wins
Geoff McGill	2 wins

Next Week(s):

May 25: Winter Series 2

June 1: Queen's Birthday fun day

June 8: Winter Series 3

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