

## Sailing 21 September 2014

### Spring Series 6

There was a light breeze from the North-West as we started to set a course. It shifted to the South-West and after several changes the course was set. The board could not be used as there had been a sudden heavy shower that left it too wet. A couple of light showers also came through while we were racing.

While there were times when the wind went very light it was generally a good sailing breeze and we got through the races in good time completing by around 3:30pm.

The race wins were shared between John Macaulay, with 4, and I, with 2 wins and an assessed win for refereeing. Carol Bergquist had



led two races for most of the way around the course. In race 3 she lost the lead to John in the penultimate leg and hung onto his stern until the finish (photo left).

In the final, divisional, race Carol led until just a couple of boat lengths

from the line but was in a hole and John swept in from the other side and stole the win from her.

John was top boat today with a total of 7, I was 1 point behind. Ian Bergquist had 3<sup>rd</sup> top score after a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the first race, keeping John to 3<sup>rd</sup>, and being consistently in the leading bunch.

Kevin Webb managed a couple of 2<sup>nd</sup> places and still holds the lead in the series by a good margin from Bruce Watson, who didn't sail today, and I in 3<sup>rd</sup>. The series final is next week.

In the Divisional series, which also completes next week, John takes the lead in A from Kevin but there is just 2 points between them. In B division Ian leads Terry by 3 points. In C division Carol has a significant lead.



Paradise Shelduck with three chicks today.

## September 7 Father's Day

The sky was clear blue, the sun was hot, it was a fine spring day. But, again, the wind was occasionally very light and variable.

A few members had escaped Father's Day to sail some races. It was a good day.

## September 14 Aggregate Series Final

The wind was strong with very heavy gusts. I recorded one at 28.9km/hr. After some discussion some members went home while several of us started racing. Boats were having difficulty turning downwind and were diving and



rounding up. The race committee decided that conditions were too adverse and racing was abandoned.

John Macaulay had broken his spreaders and took 96. In the one race he had the sails ripped at the forward ends of a couple of battens. Neil Purcell had servo problems again.



The pond was up making launching a problem.

## Aggregate Match Race Series Results:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Plinston	44
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Macaulay	42
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kevin Webb	41

Kevin is the current holder of the Match Race Cup and is the defender. The winner of the Aggregate Series is the challenger. The series is best of 9 races between these two.

## Next Week(s):

**September 28: Spring Series FINAL**

**October 5: Lay Day**

**October 12: President's Cup Regatta**

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