

## Sailing 7 December 2014

### Aggregate Match Race Series 1

The start of the Aggregate Series brought 16 members to the pond, meaning that there were to be 32 races to get through. The draw was based on the results of last year's results, as all the first few in the draw were at the pond it was suitable to start early. By keeping 3 races on the course as much as possible we actually finished quite early. Kevin Webb and I had a Match Race Cup race and then there was a fleet race and we still left the park by 4pm.

The water was quite clear, there was a small amount of weed about. The wind was westerly but was swinging about and varying quite a bit. The course was reset a couple of times as the wind veered.

John Macaulay and I were first off. John had his battery fail. He has a 5 cell and it seems there is a bad soldered joint. He swapped to a 4 cell for the rest of the races.



Mike McCaw also had problems with his boat and he took 19 for the races. Shown above is his race with Peter Andrews, which he won. Garry Irwin had his sail servo fail and he went to my car to fetch my old 01 to continue racing. As we had a race scheduled in the draw it meant that race was two 'Prada' boats with number 1.



Ian Bergquist was top boat of the day, winning all four of his races. He is shown left above back on the windward leg as Peter Andrews and Garry Irwin (in 01) head for the downwind mark.

*Right: Dan Leahy leads Terry at downwind mark.*

### Match Race Cup 2014 Race 3

Kevin and I had another race in this series by tailing on the end of the Aggregate Series.

I was a few seconds late at the start but was at the advantaged end of the start line. We were crossing tacks and swapping lead on the first windward but I got a penalty on a port/starboard.



On the downwind I pulled level and could push Kevin to the right hand side of the course. Turning to the mark I could lead around.

Kevin was able to pull ahead again as we crossed



tacks again. In a strong gust the boat failed to turn and I got a 2<sup>nd</sup> penalty which had to be taken immediately. This dropped me back and though I made up some ground on the downwind the race win went to Kevin.

Kevin Webb: 2 wins. Richard Plinston 1 win.



### Next Week(s):

**December 14: Summer Series 5**

**December 21: Summer Series 6**

**December 28: Xmas break**

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