

Sailing 21 December 2014

Summer Series 6

The rain cleared up overnight and the morning showed improving weather. By midday the wind was a good sailing breeze and the sun was hot.



There was some problem with the pond, the heat was lifting the bottom scum which covered quite a bit of the pond at times as it was blown around.

The wind also died away as we went to start racing so the first two races were quite slow, but it picked up again for the rest of the races.

Dan Leahy has pulled his boat apart in order to reinforce it as he rebuilds it. He had to cut the keel tubes to get the keel out. He used 19 today for the racing.

In race 1 Kevin Webb took a huge lead early on, almost the length of the pond. This was eroded at the end of the first lap when Bruce Watson and Ivan Fraser caught up and passed him. I also caught Kevin and the two of us broke away and took back the lead with Kevin winning.

Race 2 had Ian Bergquist and Tom Clark holding the lead to the finish while John Macaulay worked through the fleet to 3rd place.

John then won race 3 with Bruce and Kevin taking the places.

In race 4, a handicap start, Kevin and I worked through the fleet and were side by side with just the last two short legs to go, but I had picked up too much weed and Kevin leapt ahead for his 2nd win of the day. Neil Purcell getting 3rd place.

Race 5 had Bruce getting a good size lead on the first leg (photo below Bruce was around the first mark). John managed to make some inroads into this lead when the two of them on the downwind to the final mark forgot the silver mark and had to be called back while Garry Irwin and Tom went past. John recovered well, having been closer when recalled, and managed get back into the lead to take the win, his 2nd today.



The final, divisional, race was dominated by the B division (photo above of B division start), taking five of the first 6 places. Ian getting his 2nd win of the day with Ivan getting 2nd place. Carol was up for 3rd but John managed to get though and took this.



Tom Clark had sailed too close to the south shore and got tangled up with a low branch that was in the water. Eventually he drifted off, but later briefly hung up on the final mark.

John Macaulay was top boat today with 10 points. Kevin Webb had 12 points for 2nd top score. Bruce

Watson had 16 for 3rd.

Bruce takes the lead in the series pushing me into 2nd with Tom Clark holding onto 3rd.

Next Week(s):

December 28: Xmas break

January 4: New Year break

January 11: Aggregate Match Series 2

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