

Sailing 16 November 2014

Summer Series 2

After a week of very strong wind and rain, this morning started early with clear skies and almost no wind at all. It soon picked up though and the westerly had some strong gusts and wild shifts. The sun was warm so it was a good day for sailing.

Tom Clark had a great day in 77, his son Ryan's boat. Tom won the first two races. He should have won the final race having worked his way into the lead early on but he cut the final mark too close and caught onto it. He hung onto it only briefly, but it was enough for Bruce Watson to pass him to steal the win. Tom finished 2nd and with a couple of 3rds totalled 10 for 2nd place overall equal.

I also had a total of 10 from a string of 2nd places, again, a replay of last week. In race 5 I was again 2nd behind Bruce but on the last short leg to the finish Bruce stopped, probably hitting a lump of weed, and I sailed past for the win.

Bruce had won races 3, 4 and, as related above, race 6. This gave him top score today with 9 point. He continues to lead the series with a total of 16 for two days.

This didn't leave much for the rest of the fleet. Peter Andrews had a 2nd and a 3rd, Terry O'Neil, shown leading race 2 at first mark below, held on for a 2nd place while Garry Irwin and Neil Purcell took places.



The racing was better controlled this week with fewer conflicts. Carol Bergquist was in a collision that took out her forestay so the mast dropped. Nothing too serious though. She took 96 for the remaining races.

A good day's racing.

Email InBox

Good to see all of the racing again. I miss all of you guys. I have a iPad now and have self learned how to operate it. I'm happy to see your brother in law and sister are sticking with it and doing so well! I see the usual suspects are the forerunners...thank you for keeping me posted. Kind regards, **John Dowler 11.**

p.s. Here's a few pics of some RC power boats.



Onepoto Domain



The Council have changed the way that the grass is mowed at the Domain. Now the grass is cut around the trees and the edges but the central areas are allowed to grow into a pasture and retain the flowers.

The sports fields are still cut, an AAFL game is shown here being played in the background.

Next Week(s):

November 23: Summer Series 3

November 30: Summer Series 4

December 7: Aggregate Series 1

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