

# Sailing 23 November 2014

## Summer Series 3

The wind was quite light at the start of racing. This was not enough to blow the weed away and there were patches over most of the pond. The wind was mainly south-west but sometimes swung to south east as it died away.

My boat was going very well today, I had raked the mast forward last week to deal with the higher winds. Leaving it with that setting seemed to work well in the light winds too. I won races 1, 3 and 4, was 2<sup>nd</sup> in races 2 and 6 and had an assessed win for reefing race 5. Total points 6 for best score today and putting me equal first with Bruce Watson in the series with 2 days counting and 1 result dropped.

Ivan Fraser also had a good day with a win in race 2 and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>s to get a total of 11 for 2<sup>nd</sup> today.

Garry Irwin had the 3<sup>rd</sup> best score today with some 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>s. His battery failed in the final race. He thinks that his new high torque sail servo reported a couple of weeks ago is flattening the batteries faster.

Peter Andrews, shown leading away from 'candy' buoy below, won race 5 by a good margin.



In the final, divisional, race Terry O'Neill caught Brian Stiff and the two held a good sized lead for most of the race. I managed to catch them but Terry took the win with Brian 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Placings also went to Ian Bergquist, and Tom Clark.

In the Divisional series Brian Stiff leads C, Tom and Terry are equal 1<sup>st</sup> in B and I have taken the lead in A.

Photo below: At the the top 'bridge' mark, race 5.



## Match Race Cup 2014 – Race 2

After the series racing Kevin Webb and I had another race for the Match Race Cup. While the wind had died away earlier it was back to a nice, but light, sailing breeze.



I managed to start a boat length ahead and could keep a loose cover on Kevin to hold on to lead at the first mark. This time I remembered to make a starboard rounding in spite of just having several races with port rounding at the marks we were using. Kevin closed on the downwind but I did round ahead and increased my lead on the windward to take the win giving us one win each in the best of nine series.

## Club Boats – John Perkin's 19



I had pulled John Perkin's '19' apart. I used a pair of plywood strips to reinforce the keel area. These reached forward and were epoxy glued to the hull and keel box to prevent flexing at the front edge of the box.

The keel socket was also glued in with epoxy. I replaced Part C3 at the top of the keel strut with a larger Tufnol part and now have the boat reassembled. I trial sailed it on Friday.

## Next Week(s):

**November 30: Summer Series 4**

**December 7: Aggregate Series 1**

**December 14: Summer Series 5**

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