

Sailing 30 November 2014

Summer Series 4

The wind was quite blustery at times (see photo below) but would die away and shift. After the course had been changed a few times we started racing.

Bruce Watson was back today and took the top score with wins in races 1, 3 and 4 and 2nd places in 5 and 6. An assessed win for reefing race 2 gave him a total of 6 and puts him back in the lead of the series.

Tom Clark was also back today and had 77 back on form with a win in race 6 and some 2nds and 3rds for a total of 11.

Ian Bergquist was doing well. He won race 2 and his total of 14 came from 2nds and 3rds to give him 3rd top score of the day.

I did less well after touching mast heads and linking up with Dan Leahy twice, drifting to the mud and a DNF both times. I did win race 5. At the end of the first lap I had a lead of half the pond but the wind died away for me just two short legs to the finish and Bruce brought the wind up from behind. We were side by side on the last downwind and turned around the final buoy for the upwind together. I held onto starboard tack while Bruce took in a short port tack to ensure he could lay the line. A small shift had me just able to get to the line and take the win by half a length.



Mike McCaw had some problems with his boat. He tried 19 but it failed. He took my boat while I reefed race 6.

B Division had 6 of the 8 finishers in the final divisional race, photo of B start above. I reefed, Neil Purcell had his rudder invert and failed to start. Mike was only C div to start.



Other News

The US-SCOA [Seawind Express number 22](#) is now available. This includes a note from the editor Mike Eades that Kyoshu may be producing some carbon fibre Readysset Seawinds.

Rebuilding 19

The part C3 at the top of the keel post is supposed to support the mast under the deck. This part is inadequate in that it is too short to



reach as far as the mast and it is poorly designed and does not distribute the bending load correctly leading to complete failure. It is shown alongside the replacement tufnol part.

Another failing part is the base of the keel post



which fails under compression with the base of the tube splitting. I reinforced this with a cable tie epoxied on.

The boat was used today but failed when the receiver got wet due to inadequate water proofing of the electrics.

Next Week(s):

December 7: Aggregate Series 1

December 14: Summer Series 5

December 21: Summer Series 6

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