

Sailing 2 August 2015

Aggregate Match Series 8



Showers were in the forecast and there was a light one during racing, but otherwise the weather was quite good. The main problems were that the wind was light and westerly and that the south end of the pond was blocked off by the dredge.

Photo: winds were sometimes very light.

A course had to be set with a reaching start into a short windward-leeward across the pond and a short reach to a finish. 3 windward legs made up somewhat for their shortness. As the wind swung the downwind mark was changed.

The first few boats in the draw were at the pond so racing could start early and keeping 3 races on the course had the racing completed by 3:15. A fleet race afterwards was won by Kevin Webb.

Kevin Webb and Garry Irwin both won all 4 of their races. Ian Bergquist and Bruce Watson won 3 of their 4. Kevin increased his lead in the series with Ian lying second with just one more day in the series.



Photo Left: Terry O'Neill leads Neil Purcell at the top mark.

In my race against Carol Bergquist she went too close to the

leeward mark and caught her keel on it. After I finished I went to push the boat off and managed it on the 2nd attempt but we locked together and drifted to the far shore. I took the pole and pushed them back to deeper water.



Against Neil I had led most of the way. He had caught me on a downwind but I was back leading at the top mark and held a handy lead at the final mark (photo left) but lost the wind while Neill held it and on the leg to the finish he was faster and took the win by just an inch or two.

Match Race Cup 2014

With the racing completed early and the conditions suitable Kevin and I had some more races in this series from last year. The series was at 3-2 to Kevin.

First up we had an even start with Kevin getting to the first (leeward) mark just in the lead. At the top mark I had taken the lead by a small margin (photo below) and held this to take the win. 3-3.



At the start of the next race I was able to push Kevin the wrong side of the start mark and he also stalled so I was a leg ahead on the windward leewards to make it 4-3 to me.

Starting again Kevin hit a start mark on entering the line so had to make a penalty turn after the start. On a windward leg Kevin got a lift while I was in light wind and he took the lead. At the final mark Kevin led and won the race to make it 4 all.

As it was still not 4pm yet we decided to finish the final race in the best of 9 series. I was a boat



length ahead at the start and we swapped the lead around the course in the light and fluky breeze. At the final mark Kevin was ahead but I caught a breeze as I rounded and caught Kevin at the finish and won by just an inch (photo).

Results:

Richard Plinston	5
Kevin Webb	4

Next Week(s):

August 9: Spring Series 2

August 16: Spring Series 3

August 23: Spring Series 4

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