

Sailing 9 August 2015

Spring Series 2

Yet again showers were forecast but during the racing there was just a very light one. The winds also were light, sometimes almost nothing.

The dredging continues with another pass at the far side, the cables cutting the pond in two (see photo below). With the wind westerly we used the south end. An initial course was set for North-West but the wind switched and a new course for the second race was kept for the remainder.

John Macaulay was top boat today with 11 points from a string of 2nd places and a 3rd.

Kevin Webb and I were 2nd equal with 12 points each. Kevin with a win in race 1 plus 2nds and 3rds. He increases his lead in the series. I won races 2 and 4 (photo below) plus a 2nd. Kevin was catching fast at the end of race 4.



Tom Clark won race 3, was 2nd in the first race but had his boat fail in race 2 and had to leave early so his total does not reflect how well he was sailing in the light winds.

Race 5 was won by Neil Purcell taking a good sized lead by the end of the first lap and holding onto this to the finish hounded by John and Bruce.

Bruce Bower had been struggling to get the feel of my old 01 and adjusted the tune to get it going well in the light. He was rewarded by a win in race 6. Phillip Brain had also kept well up in this race but John stole 2nd from him in the final stages to place him 3rd.

Update: Jim Keogh was sailing with the Electrons this morning. He just had a scratch on his hand after last week.

Errata: Last week it was Terry O'Neill that won 3 races, not Ian Bergquist.

Photo: Start of race 5, I get away nicely.

Match Race Cup 2014



Commodore Kevin Webb presents me with the Match Race Cup after we completed the series last week. I will be the defender in the 2015 series for this cup and it seems likely, with just one more sailing day in the Aggregate Series, that Kevin will be the challenger.

New Member



Bruce Bower sailed with us again today, this time using my old 01 (and winning a race). He has been trying to get a replacement keel blade but none are available. I have lent him a blade from a spare boat until one turns up.



This buzzed around at high speed but moved to the other half of the pond when we started racing.

Next Week(s):

August 16: Spring Series 3

August 23: Spring Series 4

August 30: Spring Series 5

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