

Sailing 23 August 2015

Spring Series 4

The weather was warm today, with a nice sailing breeze that only occasionally died away. The dredge has finished in the sailing pond and has moved on the to southern pond. This allowed us to use the whole pond and, with the north end back to a good depth, we could have a long windward leg.

John Hinton had broken a leg off one of his crystals so he substituted another pair. This clashed with Peter Andrews so John had to put his boat away and take the club boat.

Race 1 had me getting the lead at the first mark and holding it much of the way. Neil Purcell and Dan Leahy caught up and passed me before the final mark. I picked up a lift and Neil and I were side by side going to the line which I won by just a couple of inches, John getting third.

Race 2 had Phillip Brain taking the lead for most of the way with Ian Bergquist and Peter Andrews catching and passing him in the final stages.

In race 3 Bruce Watson and John Macaulay got the best of the start but clashed and were given penalties. This allowed me to get around the top mark in the lead. I held the lead most of the way around but on the final leg John took a better route and took the win.

Race 4 had Neil, Mike McCaw, Peter and Bruce Bower making up a leading bunch. John Macaulay fought his way through these to get to 3rd place behind Neil and Mike.

Terry O'Neill had his boat fail in race 4, he used Bruce Watson's 33 in race 5 and my 1 in the final race.

John then won the next two races. In race 5 Dan and Peter made up the placings. In the final race Bruce Bower led most of the way with Phillip Brain, Terry and Peter close behind, Phillip missed a mark letter Phillip pass and John caught the lot of them to take the win.

John, with his 3 wins and a 3rd totalled 7 points for top score today. My total was 15 was 2nd and Peter, with 21, was 3rd.



C Division Match Race Cup



Mike McCaw and Brian Stiff were at the pond and sailed the first race in the final of the new Division C Match Race series. They agreed on a 5 race series.

Brian was rather slow entering the start and Mike attempted to keep him out but Brian got past in time. The start was even but Brian took a penalty and fell

behind. As Mike got to the top mark the wind died and he stopped while Brian caught a gust and they were side by side around it (left top). Mike then caught the wind while Brian stalled and was nearly half the pond ahead at the bottom mark. On the windward Brian was catching and made it to the top mark ahead, holding this lead to the finish.



Countdown timers

The small timer had given problems a few weeks ago and I had been taking the large timer for the racing. Two weeks ago the buttons failed on this so I took it apart and replaced the buttons but I must have shorted something because to 80 count did no longer work. Meanwhile I had taken the small one apart and it started working correctly.

Neil dropped the timer off at Geoff Atkinson's and Geoff was able to reprogram the chip, so we have both working now.

Parking at the Pond



The council are resurfacing the roadway this week and making a path from the gateway to the bike park. The parking will be rearranged too.

Next Week(s):

August 30: Spring Series 5

September 6: Father's Day - Fun day

September 13: Spring Series 6

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