

# Sailing 15 February 2015

## Autumn Series round 1

A good strength sailing breeze was from a northerly quarter but swung around somewhat. The pond was quite clear of weed today which improved the sailing.

In race 1 I made a good start and was around the first mark in the lead. On the downwind, though, I was passed as the wind died away. Ian Bergquist took the lead while Bruce Watson and I fought for the lead with Neil Purcell hanging on. The finish being in that order with Ian taking the win.

John Macaulay had a winch pull off his deck so he took Savannah 96 for the rest of the races. John reffed race 6 which freed up 96 which was fortunate for Peter Andrews who had his sail servo fail in race 5, a relatively new one.

Race 2 had Carol Bergquist and Mike McCaw leading out but Neil and I worked through the fleet and ran them down. I managed to outpoint Neil in the final windward to take the win.



*Race 3 start with a wind shift making the port end start ineffective.*



*Peter leads Bruce, but not for long.*

Race 3 had Peter Andrews taking the lead early on. Bruce ran him down and took a large lead. Neil and Ian taking the places.

Race 4 had Mike getting out in front by a good distance. Bruce and I worked through the fleet but failed to catch Mike while Peter passed me going to the finish to get 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Race 5 had Ian getting another win. John had got used to 96's controls and took 2<sup>nd</sup> with Niel 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The final race had Bruce and I keeping it close while we worked through the fleet with Neil keeping up. I had hopes on the final windward but a shift gave Bruce the win.

Bruce had the best score of 7 from 2 wins and a couple of 2<sup>nd</sup> places. Ian and I were equal on 12 points.

## Collisions:

Following on from the rule on collisions last report, Mike McCaw wondered why his boat was taking on water during the last couple of races.



It seems that there had been a collision in race 3 or 4 but no one admitted to being the other party. There seems to be another set of cracks in the top rig too.



*Is Neil admiring his handiwork ?*

## Next Week(s):

**February 22: Autumn Series 2**

**March 1: Aggregate Match Race 4**

**March 8: Autumn Series 3**

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