

Sailing 5 July 2015

Aggregate Match Race Series 7

There was a strong South-Westerly wind. A couple of buoys were thrown in to set a suitable start line and top mark for match racing.

With 14 members there were 28 races to get through so we started a few minutes early.

Ian Bergquist and Kevin Webb were the series leaders and so they were off on the first race. Kevin made the better start but they were soon side by side on the upwind. Ian won that race.



Terry O'Neill and I were next up. We swapped leads on each shift and kept it close. At the 2nd top mark a branch was spotted in the water and all alerted to it but as Terry went to go past it a shift pushed him onto it and it lodged in his keel (photo) to give me

an easy win.

Tom Clark and Garry Irwin were top boats today winning all 4 of their races. Mike McCaw and Bruce Watson both won 3 of theirs. Ian Bergquist and Kevin Webb retain their equal lead in the series with 5 days counting and 2 discards. The series, at the end, will count 6 days with 3 discards.



Photo Left: Kevin and Terry are knocked down by a gust.

Afterwards a fleet race around the match race course was won by Bruce.

Photo below: Three races keep it close on the course, from left: Bruce leads Tom on the downwind; Neil and Carol beating to windward; Hans Koerselman tacks behind Mike.



Dredging the Pond

The barge has been dredging the central part of the pond and it has been left away from the shore with the mooring wires further towards the sailing area.

The digger that had been clearing the Eastern Stormwater drain was moved and used to clear the North end of the pond.



Photo: Carol Bergquist and Bruce Watson side by side on the downwind. Bruce eventually won by a boat length. Mike and Tom in background.



Photo: Terry O'Neill and Phillip Brain keep it close on the windward.

Next Week(s):

July 12: Winter Series FINAL

July 19: Lay Day - fun day

July 26: Spring Series START

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