

# Sailing 12 July 2015

## Winter Series FINAL

The morning started with a heavy frost and complete lack of wind. The sky was clear, though, so the sun made the day feel warm. A small amount of wind did arrive - sometimes.

We can still use only half the pond but had enough buoys to set a figure 8 course that gave at least one good windward when the wind swung.

In the first race Dan Leahy made a good start and got to the first mark in the lead with myself not far behind. I caught Dan on the downwind and held this lead all the way to the win with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ian Bergquist 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Race 2 had Carol Bergquist getting away at the start to lead around the first mark with Dan just behind. I was next and the 3 of us broke away from the group. On the last downwind the wind died away for us and a group was catching us. I got past Dan but John Macaulay claimed an inside overlap on me at the final mark. Carol was clear ahead and took the win. As I turned behind John a couple of boats took me out and I finished 11<sup>th</sup>. John was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dan avoided the group to claim 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In race 3 Dan was again leading at the first mark. Kevin Webb and I caught and passed him and took a handy lead from the rest of the fleet. We fought for the lead but Kevin eventually took it from me at the penultimate mark with Dan holding on for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Race 4 was again won by Kevin with Tom Clark and John getting the placings.

Race 5 was cut down to a single lap for time reasons. Mike McCaw got away to a good lead. I had fallen back to the rear of the fleet by the 2<sup>nd</sup> mark but took a line to the right of the course and found some wind to sail past those on the left and be just behind Mike at the next mark with Neil Purcell getting 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The final, divisional race was started in very light winds (photo below) and Ian was first around the top mark with Peter Andrews, Carol and Dan getting a break away from the fleet.

As this group turned at the next mark Dan was trailing but turned inside to take the lead with Peter next. John eventually caught this pair and passed them on the final downwind to take the win with Dan 2<sup>nd</sup>, Peter 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I was top boat today with 11 points from my win and some 2nds, enough to catch Bruce for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the series, John had 12 and Dan with 17 was 3<sup>rd</sup> today.

## Winter Series Results:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kevin Webb	43
2 <sup>nd</sup> =	Richard Plinston	53
2 <sup>nd</sup> =	Bruce Watson	53



*Kevin Webb, series winner, accelerates away on the final downwind of race 6.*

## Work at Onepoto

The dredging continues slowly. It seems that they have started work on the fountain pump as they have cordoned off around it.

I received a call from the council to discuss work that they will be doing around the parking area. They will make a path alongside the roadway from the gate to the play area to help reduce the pedestrian traffic around the cars. They will also move some of the car parks from the left side to the right side of the roadway. I doubt that this will make any difference, people will still park both sides.

## Next Week(s):

**July 19: Lay Day - fun day**

**July 26: Spring Series START**

**August 2: Aggregate Match Race 8**

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