

Sailing 26 July 2015

Spring Series START

It didn't feel much like spring. It was cold and, towards the end, it rained. There was a nice northerly breeze though and nearly all the pond was available with the dredge by the bridge.



Carol noticed that a shag was stuck on the pond. It looked like he was anchored and was paddling furiously but getting nowhere. I used the tug to take a line out around him and we pulled hard. The shag went under water but it felt like something broke and the bird

popped up and flew away. He sat on a rock for quite a while to dry out but managed to fly off when we tried to catch him with a net.

Bruce Bower was watching the Electrons and mentioned that he had a Seawind so I gave him the club boat and he sailed with us and said that he will join us and get his boat working.



Roger Hawkins had his carbon boat leaking badly. He thinks it is through the keel box but can't remove the keel to inspect it. He took my old B1 but after a few races the rudder servo failed on that and the tug was brought into

play again to recover it.

Kevin Webb was top boat today with 7 points from 3 wins and an assessed win. Bruce Watson had a total of 10 including 2 race wins. I was 3rd with 17.

Ian Bergquist won race 2 and was just 1 point off the podium. Carol had led that most of the way around but was overtaken by Ian in the final stages. Carol also led for most of race 6 but again was overtaken, this time by Bruce.

Photo Below: Ian is around the first mark, race 5.



Last Week

Ian Bergquist and Terry O'Neill sailed the third race in the B Division Match Race semi final. At the start (photo left) Ian forced Terry over early and when Terry returned he was well behind.

He did catch up somewhat but Ian won the race and will sail the final against Tom Clark.

A few of us sailed some races but left early as it was quite cold.



Phillip Brain has had his Readysets's hull spray painted black with a fern logo on the buttocks. This should help resolve the confusion between readysets but may increase it between the several black boats.



Bruce and Ian lead away from 'orange' but Kevin is well ahead of them.

Next Week(s):

August 2: Aggregate Match Race 8

August 9: Spring Series 2

August 16: Spring Series 3

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