

## Sailing 1 March 2015

### Aggregate Match Race Series round 4

It was hot today, as it has been all week. The result was that the bottom scrub has been gassing and floating up forming rafts of weed.



Initially it was all at the north end but the wind swung north of east and blew it all to the other end while we raced.

One of Ian Bergquist's spare buoys was thrown out to make a suitable start line and a course set from 'purple' as the top mark to 'bridge'.

Because the boats at the top of the draw list were at the pond we could start racing a quarter



of an hour early. First off was John Macaulay and Terry O'Neill. John got the best of the start and Terry was carrying a starting penalty after a port-starboard incident. John won the race.

In my race with Ian, Ian initially led but I managed to work shifts to go around the top mark first. Ian took back the lead and was two or three lengths ahead approaching the finish but as he tacked he stalled just a couple of lengths short of the line and I was able to sail to windward of him to take the win.



Neil Purcell, John Macaulay, Ian Bergquist and I all had 3 wins each. With 3 days counted and one dropped John leads the series with Ian Bergquist 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5 boats on equal 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



### More Electrons

Another Seawind sailor has bought an Electron so that they can race all day on Sundays. John Macaulay has Electron number 247 which is an older boat from 1992.

They do seem to last well.



### Start Line Buoy

Before racing started a temporary buoy had been put out to give a good start line for the match racing. John managed to catch the mooring line with his Seawind's keel and it would not come off in the light winds.

Neil Purcell went out to push him off and failed the first time. Then Neil tried again on John's bow and managed to push his way between John's boat and the buoy and got himself stuck.

Kevin Webb then tried to free them but avoided jaming himself in the group. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> try John drifted free leaving Neil still stuck until he slowly backed off.



I brought along a sun umbrella and tied it to the rear leg of the bench seat. This provided needed shade. Sometimes I even got to sit there.

### Next Week(s):

**March 8: Autumn Series 3**

**March 15: Autumn Series 4**

**March 22: Autumn Series 5**

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