

## Sailing 3 May 2015

### Aggregate Match Race Series 6

The day started very still. At midday the Electrons were all becalmed but some wind did come up, from various directions, enough to get some races completed.

The sun came out and this seemed to stir up some wind. Some courses were discussed and eventually one was set that was mostly adequate for the changing winds.

We were able to start early and by keeping 3 races on the course most of the time were able to get through the 26 races required in time.

Tom Clark has wiring problems with his boat and took 19. Neil Purcell had his boat fail after a couple of races and borrowed 30 and 55 for the remaining ones.



As Peter Andrews and Mike McCaw turned to start their race Carol Bergquist was running on the downwind leg and had to thread between them.



Photo: Dan Leahy, with a new paint job, kept it close with Kevin Webb in their race in the background while John Macaulay was stopped dead by something unseen in the water allowing Brian Stiff to pass and take the win.

The top 3 boats today were Kevin Webb and Ian Bergquist who won all four of their races and Dan Leahy who won three of his.

Ian and Kevin are now joint leaders in the series with 3 others just one point behind them.

## Pond Dredging progress

I met with the contractor and project manager last Tuesday to discuss the weir gates and flap valves.



The bund has now been lined with clay and a drain pipe has been laid under the path. A plastic liner will be fitted before the bags are installed.

## Buoy Recovery

The red buoy in the far corner had lost its chain and weight and had drifted to the side around where the branch lays on the water. During the week Neil Purcell had tried to recover it by crawling out on the branch but just failed to reach it with the stick he had.



I had brought Toot the Tug to the pond in case the wind died completely and left boats stranded. Ian and I used it to recover the buoy, we had to crawl through the bushes to get to a close enough position. The line was attached and the tug was pushed out. After I had rounded the buoy I throttled down and the engine stopped and would not run again. Pulling the line in managed to jam the tug and buoy together so it was all recovered.

The buoy was weighed down by masses of small mussels.

## Next Week(s):

**May 10: Mother's Day**

**May 17: Winter Series START**

**May 24: Winter Series 2**

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