

## Sailing 13 September 2015

### Spring Series 6

The wind was South-West and was quite gusty at times and went light at others.

Neil Purcell had a sheet break during pre-race practice and after a short time the mast collapsed. It took a while to drift to shore.

John Macaulay was top boat today. He won the three scratch races. I had led races 1 and 3 but John passed me, in race 3 he was just a couple of inches ahead at the line. With a couple of 2<sup>nd</sup> places in the handicap races John's total was 7. This also took him to first equal in the series.

Kevin Webb won race 4. His total of 15 was 2<sup>nd</sup> top score today and this improved his series score to first equal.

My two 2<sup>nd</sup> places were as good as I could do and my total of 18 was 3<sup>rd</sup> top and did not improve my series score so I was pushed back to 3<sup>rd</sup>, just one point behind John and Kevin.

Carol Bergquist won race 2 with Brian Stiff in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, John working through the fleet to get 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Dan Leahy was 3<sup>rd</sup> in race 5 and then won the last, divisional, race. John again getting through to 2<sup>nd</sup> with Phillip Brain 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Bruce Watson and Bruce Bower made up the remaining 3<sup>rd</sup> places.



Start of race 5

In the A divisional series I regained the lead by 1 point from Kevin after we were equal last week.. Neil Purcell has a good sized lead in B division. Carol Bergquist leads C.

## New Members



**Reuben Muir** visited the pond two weeks ago. Last week (photo above) he arrived with a Seawind (below) and his children. I lent him the club boat so that two could sail. This week he came with two Seawinds, one for his son Maaki.



Photo above: Neil lost his mast before racing.

Photo below: Neil is ahead at first mark, race 5.

### Next Week(s):

**September 20: Spring Series FINAL**

**September 27: Lay Day / Tech Day**

**October 4: Aggregate Match FINAL**

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