

Sailing 13 December 2015

Summer Series 5

There was some light rain in the morning but this passed away and some sun shone through. The wind was quite strong at times and was mostly from the South-West, though it was shifty.

In race 1 Terry O'Neill and I took the left side of the course and took a lift to get us ahead at the first mark. Kevin Webb and Neil Purcell caught and passed us though to take the win with Terry getting 3rd.

Race 2 had Tom Clark get a good sized lead. Photo below has Tom leading away as Reuben Muir, Bruce Bower and George Stead go to the mark on starboard while Terry is on port tries to get through them. Kevin had to wait until zero at the start is shown in the background.

Tom got the win while Terry and George took the places. Neil had the sheet catch in the pulley.

In race 3 Kevin was ahead at mark 1 with Peter Andrews and I chasing him closely on the downwind, but a gust had the two of us broach letting Kevin get away to a large lead. Tom came through to join us in the chase. Some shifty gusts had Kevin stall and we could close the gap but he won by a couple of length with myself and Tom getting the places.

Neil and Terry had collided and locked masts so were DNF.

Bruce Watson turned up late without a boat so took 19 for the rest of the races.

Race 4 had Bruce Bower and Reuben fighting for the lead all the way around the course. On the final leg Bruce managed to get the lead and the win. I got a lift on the left side of the windward legs to lead the rest with Kevin close behind.

Tom's rudder servo control reversed during the race which slowed him somewhat. He had difficulty getting it reset. Peter's boat lost control in the far corner and did circles across the pond. Terry and Bruce in 19 went to coral 21 and this took some time to push him to shore.

Race 5 had me using the left side shifts to get the lead at the first mark again. Kevin was on my

tail right to the finish. Reuben keeping up and getting 3rd.

In the final, divisional start, race. Reuben, Bruce Bower and George set off and kept as a group for a while. The wind became particularly gusty and shifty and the fleet closed up as the leaders ran into difficulties, except Reuben who shot out to a large lead. Bruce Watson had taken 19 to lead the rest and was 2nd and I used the left side again and came out well placed to finish 3rd.

Kevin was top boat today, 2 wins and a total of 10 points. This gives him the series lead, pushing John Macaulay, who didn't sail today, back to 2nd. I had a total score today of 11 and hold on to 3rd place in the series.

Reuben Muir and Tom Clark both had one win and a total of 18 points to be equal 3rd place today.



Terry and Bruce Watson trying to catch 21.

Fountains

Ian reported that the fountains were working during the week. They had done some work at the pump end with a new above ground fitting which may be a filter unit. The fountain heads reportedly gave a low sprinkler effect which should be OK for oxygenating the water.

The fountains weren't working today, and the heads were underwater and weren't visible.

Next Week(s):

December 20: Summer Series 6

December 27: Christmas Break

January 3: New Year Break

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