

# Sailing 20 December 2015

## Summer Series 6

The breeze today was of a good speed, mostly, but it was very shifty and variable. Sometime it would seem that the wind was vertical as boats were left with sails flapping while others just a couple of metres away sailed off.

At a couple of minutes before 2pm there were just seven of us at the pond for the first race so it was decided that umpires would not be required. Terry O'Neill turned up just in time to get to the start. Ivan Fraser arrived during the race without a boat, and Kevin fetched the club boat for him.

Later, Rueben Muir and George Stead arrived (with boats) so we reinstated umpires for the rest of the races.

Kevin Webb was top boat today by a large margin. He was third in race 1 and then won the next four races. This gives him a large lead in the Summer series with just one more day to go. He also leads the A division series.

Peter Andrews won race 1 today in a close tussle with Bruce Watson and Kevin.

In race 2 Mike McCaw held the lead most of the way through the race. Kevin caught and passed him going to the final mark. I was a few lengths behind in rounding but could point higher on starboard. As they tacked to port Kevin was able to pass ahead of me by a whisker but Mike had to tack allowing me to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place from him.

Race 3 had Kevin taking a large lead early on. Neill Purcell also put a good size buffer between 6 and the rest of the fleet. Bruce Watson worked through the other boats to get 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Race 4 had Reuben leading most of the way only to be passed by Kevin. Neil getting 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In race 5 Bruce and I took the places.

The Divisional race was led by Reuben and George all the way. Neil and Terry managed to get close, Neil getting 3<sup>rd</sup>, but the A division were in the wrong wind changes and trailed far behind.

Neil was 2<sup>nd</sup> today and Bruce 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Members

Ivan Fraser has returned to sailing today. His boat is still in pieces as he started to replace the servos and receiver but has not completed this yet. Today he used club boat 19 as he gets his hand back, having not sailed for several months.

## Port-Starboard



I have been asked to remind members of the port- starboard rule, and how to tell which tack they are on. In the photo (left) 55 is on starboard. 12 has tacked to port and has to keep clear of 55.



On the downwind run the 'tack' is indicated by being the opposite side of the main boom, the actual side the wind is from and the jib boom have no bearing on the issue. Here 55 is on port and must keep clear of the others because they are on starboard.

## Next Week(s):

**December 27: Christmas Break**

**January 3: New Year Break**

**January 10: Aggregate Match Race 2**

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