

Sailing 22 November 2015

Summer Series 3

After strong winds and thunderstorms last night the wind at the pond wasn't too bad. There were quite a few strong gusts. In the Electronics Neil lost a jib when a hook broke and it sank. Judy had her mast break at the deck and it unclipped and sank, the hull being recovered.

Terry O'Neill had broken his mast earlier so he took club boat 19 and got a 2nd and a 3rd in the first two races so was quite happy with it - initially at least.

Reuben Muir, after selling 94 to George Stead, has bought a pair of second hand boats, one with a broken hull. The other he has numbered 96 and seems to sail very well, he won two races, numbers 2 and 6, and was 3rd in race 5.

Neil Purcell was top boat today. In race 1 John Macaulay took the lead and was ahead by almost the length of the pond at one stage. Neil, Terry (in 19) and Kevin Webb were hauling him in and on the last leg to the finish those three rounded the final mark just as there was a wind shift. John tacked but stalled and he was caught on port tack and had to give way. Kevin looked to take the win but Neil and Terry snuck around the mark with Neil winning.

Neil also won race 4 and had placing in races 3 and 5 for a total score of 12.

John Macaulay recovered to win race 3. His score of 13 was 2nd best today and he holds onto the series lead.

Kevin Webb and I had totals of 15. I had a couple of 2nd places and a 3rd, Kevin won race 5.

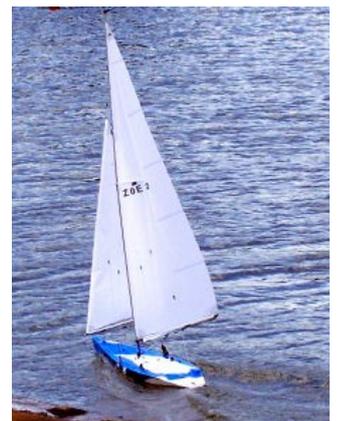


Port/Starboard

When tacking to give way to a starboard tack boat you must do so early enough to keep clear. Alternately, the port tack boat can bear away sharply and go behind. In the example (left) 19 tacked too late and caught 35 delaying both.



New Member



Arthur Light has bought a Readysset Seawind and has joined the club. He had been at the pond last week but did not race with us. This week he joined in the racing. The boat is marked Zoe 2 after his daughter.

Seawind North Sails

We had discussed the club getting a few sets of 3rd party sails to hold in stock to resell to members. Bruce Watson contacted Dan Bush and reported:

"I have spoken to Dan Bush - he is happy to make a batch (say 10?). John & I will each take a set.

Dan said the previous lightweight material he used was Nylon and bit unstable. There is now a lightweight Polyester available.

He will make a set for us to test."

I have suggested that the test set could be put onto club boat Savannah 96 so that members can try these out, adjusting them as they require.

Photo below: Start of race 5.

Next Week(s):

November 29: Summer Series 4

December 6: Aggregate Match Race 1

December 13: Summer Series 5

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