

# Sailing 28 August 2016

## Spring Series 5

Over the last week there were very strong winds that knocked out electricity in some areas. Today, however, started with no wind at all. The Electrons struggled with light winds but it picked up around lunchtime and looked like it might be good for the racing.

Reuben Muir was having problems with his boat losing contact at times so he took club boat 19 for some races. It wouldn't switch on and seemed to have a connector problem, but after stripping and twisting the wires this still failed and it was identified as the wire to the receiver so a battery pack was connected directly. Later he reverted to his own boat. Mike McCaw still hasn't completed his rebuild so he took my old number 1 backup.

Race 1 had Neil Purcell and I getting away from the fleet by a good margin. At one point we were side by side on the downwind but, with his new boat, he stepped away again. John Macaulay was able to start to make up the up the gap but at a turning mark (white) 6 boats were approaching to take the mark together (photo right top). The inevitable collision (photo right) resulted in penalties being handed out.

Race 2 was another win for Neil with Reuben getting 19 working well to take 2<sup>nd</sup> and Peter Andrews 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In race 3 the wind died away to nothing for awhile and the race took about 35 minutes. The next two races were cut down to single lap to ensure that we got through the full set of races and this gave us time for a two lap divisional race.

John won the next 3 races with Neil getting 2nds and 3rds. Peter, Reuben and I getting places.

Race 4 had Brian Stiff getting a good sized lead but he picked up a branch and this dropped him back.

Photo Below: Race 5



In the final, divisional, race Brian took the lead again and this time avoided picking up rubbish to take the win. Terry O'Neil 2<sup>nd</sup> and Neil getting another 3<sup>rd</sup>.

John Macaulay was top boat today with 7 points and this increases his series lead. Neil Purcell was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 10 points, Peter Andrews 3<sup>rd</sup> with 18. Neil and Tom Clark are now equal 2<sup>nd</sup> in the series with just 2 race days to go.

I am leading the Divisional Series in A division, B has Neil and Terry equal first with Tom just 1 point behind. In C Hans Koerselman still leads but Mike McCaw is just 1 point behind.

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### Next Week(s):

**September 4: Father's Day**

**September 11: Spring Series 6**

**September 18: Spring Series FINAL**

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