

# Sailing 10 January 2016

## Aggregate Match Race 2

There was a good South-Westerly breeze today giving a good long course up to the bridge. A spare buoy was laid out, and later recovered, to give a shortish start line suitably angled.

Neil Purcell and Terry O'Neil were first up and we could start before 2pm. Neil was penalised in the pre-start and so trailed up the first leg. On the



second lap Neil was closing, here Neil goes close behind Terry's newly repainted boat, but Terry held on for the win.

John Macaulay had some problems with his boat and took 19 for the first two of his races. He managed to get 5 working for the final pair of races.

In my race with Neil, I was late at the start and trailed at the first mark. I managed to catch up and on the next windward we were swapping the lead on each tack. I hit the top mark and so carried a penalty. I took the lead on the downwind and increased the lead approaching the finish, but not by enough to take the penalty turn so Neil took the win as I turned.

In my race with Ian Bergquist I also earned a penalty when I touched 55 as I dipped close behind, too close. This time I was able to gain enough lead to complete the penalty turn and cross the line ahead.

Bruce Watson won all four of his races to be top boat today but he hadn't sailed last time so the series lead is taken by Neil Purcell who won 3 of his races each time in the series so far.

A fleet race over the match race course was held after the match racing completed and this was won by Reuben Muir who took a large lead on the first downwind and finished first by a good margin.

## Yet Another Rebuild of 1



The hull of 1 had been leaking for a while and it was from this crack alongside the keel box. When I first got this second hand boat I had added wooden reinforcing strips on each side of the keel box and this split was outside that.

Fortunately, I was able to remove the keel though only by also removing the socket insert.



After cleaning up the surfaces and roughing them for best adhesion, I added a fillet of epoxy putty each side of the keel box, outside the wooden splints.

I then fibreglassed over this. I smeared the area with a layer of quick setting epoxy glue and pressed the glass cloth



onto this using gladwarap. When this was almost set hard, about 15 minutes, I added more epoxy glue to fill the weave.

The keel insert was reglued into place and the area filled and sanded smooth. A quick rattle can respray had the cosmetics repaired and the boat was reassembled.

## Next Week(s):

**January 17: Summer Series FINAL**

**January 24: Autumn Series START**

**January 31: Anniversary Regatta**

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