

Sailing 3 July 2016

Aggregate Match Race Series 7

There was very little wind today. The Electrons only got through half the races that they normally sail. The wind was also swinging between East and North-East.

Eight members meant that only 16 races were to be sailed. Two or three could be kept on the course most of the time, but even then we cut back to a single lap for half a dozen of the last races to ensure that we finished on time.

Kevin Webb and I were first up. I managed to get a port-starboard penalty on him just as he tacked, which made him windward boat anyway. Kevin caught up on the downwind legs and a wind shift on the final windward to the finish looked like it might bring him level, but I held on for the win. Lesson number one is to maintain cover even when ahead by several lengths.

Neil Purcell had sail winch problems and borrowed Dan Leahy's 14 for his second race. Club boat 19 was brought out for him to use for the rest.



(left) Peter Andrews and Ivan Fraser side by side on the downwind but hardly moving in the light breeze.

(below) There is rarely a photo of my boat. Here I am about to finish while Neil sails 19 upwind and Terry is downwind.



(left) Hans Koerselman's Carbon boat leads Kevin across the start line in their race.

(foot) Neil, in Dan's boat, leads Ivan while Kevin points high in some breeze.



(left) Peter Andrews and Kevin Webb side by side on the downwind.

No one won all their races, Dan Leahy, Peter Andrews, Kevin Webb and I each won 3 of our races. With five days counted and two dropped, Kevin takes back the series lead just 1 point

ahead of myself. Six days will count with two more sailing days in the series.



(left) Daniel Leahy has repainted his boat in a very smart livery with a red and blue stripe on the sail to help identify it when in a bunch.

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Next Week(s):

July 10: Winter Series 5

July 17: Winter Series FINAL

July 24: Spring Series START

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