

Sailing 12 June 2016

Winter Series 3

Winds had been very light in the morning but some wind arrived from the West for the afternoon. Setting the course was a problem with the wind swinging. It was decided to have a reaching start to a buoy that should give a windward leg.



Before racing Tom Clark got stuck on a buoy and it refused to be pushed off. Neil towed a line out and around both the boat and the buoy and these were pulled ashore to recover the boat. The boat had the mooring rope looped around the keel.



At the start of race 1 three boats were over the line (left in photo above) and were recalled.



Bruce took the lead early on (below) but George Stead caught him up (left) and challenged him right to the finish.



Terry was having problems with range and even with fresh batteries lost control. He took 96 for the rest of the races. Recovering the boat after a race the keel caught in a sack by the drain outlet and when he lifted by the mast it came out of the socket and fell down.

Reuben Muir Won races 2 and 3 with Ivan Fraser and Ian Bergquist getting 2nd in those. In race 3 I had been first around the first mark but wound up racing George for last place.

George bounced back for a win in race 4 with Ian getting another 2nd. Kevin Webb won race 5.

In the final race the fleet stayed in their divisions and at the finish 5 boats were in a close group. Neil Purcell had the inside line and took the win.

Kevin was top boat today and leads the series. Reuben had the 2nd top score today, George 3rd.

Last 2 weeks

May 29 had the series racing abandoned. A strong squall with thunder and lightning, high winds and heavy rain came through from the west around 1:30pm. We sheltered on the club room veranda while we waited for it to clear.

It passed through and we started racing but during the 2nd race another squall came through with winds above 15 knots and rain, so racing was abandoned.

This week is then flight 3 and the final series race day will be the lay day, 17 July.

Queens Birthday had a few boats turning out for some casual racing. The winds were very light.

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Next Week(s):

June 19: Winter Series 4

June 26: Winter Series 5

July 3: Aggregate Match Race 7

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