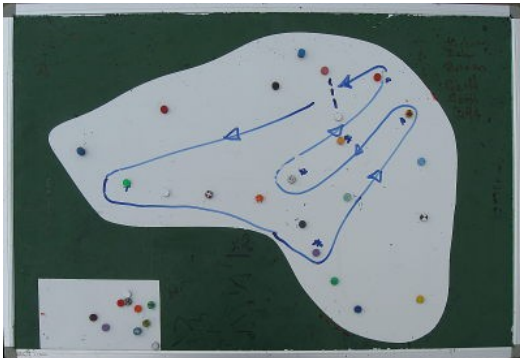


Sailing 13 August 2017

Spring Series 3

Another Sunday with no wind in the very early morning but it picked up through the morning and was mostly a good racing breeze. The rain held off until thunderstorms in the evening.



Steve Sharp used his handicap well to take a large lead in race 4 and hold this to the win.

Race 5 I got a good start (photo foot of page), led around the first mark and raced away on the downwind (photo right top). The wind died ahead but still came from the rear so all the boats bunched up at the next mark (photos right) and held enough speed to go wide to get inside overlap on Tom Clark and I. Terry O'Neill led around that mark and held that to take the win.

The wind had increased again for race 6, with its divisional start. The earlier starters got away to a large lead on the later starters. Ian Power held onto his lead to take the win while Tom Clark and Neil Purcell got past Steve Sharp to get the places.

Kevin Webb was top boat today from two wins and a couple of placings for a total of 13. Reuben Muir was just 1 point behind with one win. Neil Purcell was 3rd on 19 points. Reuben takes the lead in the series.



State of the Pond

A yellow buoy had drifted away some weeks ago to the south side but was out of reach of the poles that I had. Today I used my grapnel to recover it. The anchor weight had gone and it was only the weight of mussels

that was keep it in place.

I also recovered 'bridge yellow' as it was sinking. It has some cuts in it and was half full of water. I replaced the buoy with the yellow one and threw it back in. As I did not throw it far enough Neil and I sailed a line around it and pulled it to a better place.



Next Week(s):

August 20: Spring Series 4

August 27: Spring Series 5

September 3: Fathers Day

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