

# Sailing 20 August 2017

## Spring Series 4

There was a decent breeze today. The rain held off. So it was a good day.

With the wind westerly we needed to start on the far side towards the tree blue. Neil Purcell and I recovered the white can buoy and I threw it to try to make a start line. It did not go far enough so we had to put the line around it again and drag it to a better position.

Neil had a problem with an electrical wire breaking and then the rudder servo failed. He took the club boat for the rest of the races.



While the wind was often strong (photo above) it was very shifty and at the top mark, tree blue, it was sheltered somewhat by the tree which sometimes made it very light there (photo foot of page in race 3).

In race 1 I had just taken the lead from Tom Clark and was rounding the 2<sup>nd</sup> top mark when I was hit from behind which dropped me back a couple of places. Reuben Muir took the lead and I gave chase managing to pass Tom again for 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In race 2 Ian Power led around the first mark but I was close behind and soon took the lead and stepped away to lead by a leg, taking the win. Reuben and Neil getting the places.

Reuben took an early lead in race 3 (foot of page) but hit a mark letting Tom and Bruce Watson (photo above) catch up and pass (photo top of next col). Tom went on the win. Reuben caught up to Bruce and they were side by side at



the next top mark blue (left) and on the next downwind. Bruce managed to keep ahead and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Simon Adamson and Tom fought for the lead in race 4, passing Ian who had led at mark 1. I was chasing and caught up going into lap 2 but Simon held on and was only a length behind at the final mark, Tom 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In race 5 I led around the first mark with Reuben close behind but the wind died at the mark while I ran off downwind to get a large lead. Reuben was catching up closing to the finish. Tom 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ian Power led race 6 for quite a while but Simon caught and passed him for the win while Terry O'Neill held on for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I was top boat today with 6 points from 3 race wins, a 2<sup>nd</sup> and an assessed win for ref of race 3. This take me to 2<sup>nd</sup> in the series. Reuben was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 13 points from 1 win and he holds onto the series lead. Tom was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 15 from 1 win.

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**Next Week(s):**

**August 27: Spring Series 5**

**September 3: Fathers Day**

**September 10: Spring Series 6**

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