

Sailing 30 July 2017

Spring Series 2



Very light before racing

This time there was almost no wind in the morning after a heavy frost. It did pick up a little bit after lunchtime in time for the racing but was never in a consistent direction.

A simple triangular course was set though it did use the whole pond. The racing committee decided that referees were not required.

In race 1 Bruce Watson and I led to mark 1 but going to the mark the wind shifted and I drifted into Bruce and got a penalty. John Macaulay hooked onto the mark and Terry O'Neill helped him get free. Bruce kept the lead all the way to the win. I managed to get back to 3rd with Neil Purcell passing me for 2nd.

Simon Adamson led away in race 2 to a large lead. I managed to run him down in the last couple of legs to win by a small margin with Neil 3rd.

In race 3 I had my jib sheet catch on the boom at the start and had to pull the boat out to free it. Reuben Muir and Tom Clark led away with Bruce and Neil trying to catch them, but that was the finishing order.



Race 4: Steve well away, I lead the chase

Race 4 had Steve Sharp take a large lead from his handicap start. He held this right to the finish. Meanwhile I led the chase for most of the way but Bruce passed me and pushed me back to 3rd.



Race 5 had the fleet bunched up on the long downwind and several were side by side. Steve was leeward boat and he luffed hard while the most windward did not respond. The cleat of Simon Adamson's jib boom caught on my forestay, with two boats trapped between. The result was a raft up of 4 boats.



In the final race, Steve raced out to a good sized lead (see photo foot of page) and took his 2nd win today. Bruce and Reuben took the places.

Bruce was top boat with 9 points, Neil 2nd with 16, Reuben 3rd on 17. Neil leads the series after 2 days of racing.

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Next Week(s):

August 6: Aggregate Match Race 8

August 13: Spring Series 3

August 20: Spring Series 4

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