

Sailing 11 June 2017

Winter Series 4

Another Sunday with very light winds in the morning. The breeze did come up after the Electrons had finished and it was slightly east of south. One course was drawn and discarded and another set. Just as the racing was about to start the wind shifted to South-West so that course was rotated to give better windwards.

Before the racing Phillip Brain and George Stead has brought along a friend each and the club boat and my rebuilt Prada 1 were in use. Matt R sailed the races with us.

In race 1 I took a large lead at the first mark and led for the first lap but fell back on the windward as I made poor choices of which tack to be on. Bruce Watson took the win, the first of 3. John Macaulay is back sailing and took 2nd with Kevin Webb 3rd.

Race 2 had Phillip hold the lead for the first lap but Terry O'Neil and Peter Andrews passed him on the long windward leg only to have Bruce take the lead at the top mark while Tom Clark and George moved into the places on the way to the final mark.

In race 3 I picked the shifts and in spite of a poor start led around the first mark. Kevin was close behind and we established a large gap to the next boat as the wind died at that mark. I led as we went into the 2nd lap but Kevin passed on the downwind to take the win. George led the rest for 3rd.

Race 4 was Neil Purcell's all the way around with Tom and Terry making it a B division 1,2,3.

Kevin went out to a good lead and took an easy win in race 5 while Tom and I fought for the places. The wind for race 6 was quite light and I picked a good course to lead at mark 1. Bruce caught and passed for the win with Tom 3rd.

Tom Clark was top boat today with 11 points from 2nds and 3rds. Bruce Watson and Kevin Webb were equal on 14 points from taking the rest of the race wins. These two are now first and second in the series while I am 3rd.

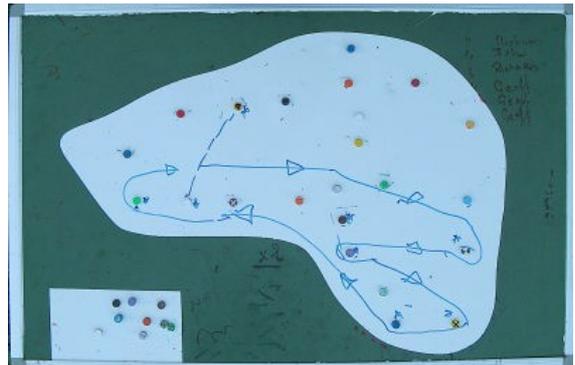


Last Week

Queen's Birthday was a fun day but no one turned up. Actually Neil was there with this hybrid of his RG95 hull with the much taller rig from his Focus II. I sailed around with a One Metre boat with its A rig while the Electrons finished their racing and then against Neil for a while. I managed to mostly keep ahead of both in the light winds. We went home early.

State of the Pond

The pond remains at a very low salinity of 1.002 in spite of less rain. The fields are still saturated and draining into the pond which is keeping it very brown with fine soil. At least this keeps the light from the pond bed and this will inhibit any weed growth.



Today's course with the longest windward leg possible. We finished on time in spite of the course length and light winds.

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Next Week(s):

June 18: Winter Series 5

June 25: Winter Series 6

July 2: Aggregate Match Race 7

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Photo below: Race 2 with Phillip Brain leading around the first mark, Peter getting an overlap on Terry. It was often very light there.

