

Sailing 25 June 2017

Winter Series 6

There was a reasonable breeze as we were circulating around the pond before the start of racing but it died away during the afternoon and the last couple of races were in very light winds. There was a small shower halfway through racing.

The wind started as being South-westerly but it went to the West and sometimes veered towards the North-West.

With just 7 members no referees were used, but perhaps should have been. In race 1 Bruce Watson led to the finish line but had to tack onto port to get to it while Reuben could just lay the line on starboard. There was a collision and Bruce countered by saying that at a prior mark he had been on starboard and Reuben had not given way but had forced his way inside at the mark and should have taken a penalty turn.

I had finished just behind these two. An executive decision was made to penalise the two by losing places giving me the win.

Bruce and Reuben then recovered in the next race by taking the win and place with Tom Clark 3rd.

Reuben went on to win race 3 in lighter winds with Tom 2nd and Neil Purcell getting 3rd.

In race 4 Neil was off to a good sized lead (photo at foot of page) and held this through to the finish (photo left) with Bruce and Reuben fighting for the places with Reuben just getting ahead.



Tom had the knot in his main sheet caught in another part of his sheet so his main was held in with the jib free. This gave him a problem on the wind.

Race 5 had most of the boats sailing in a bunch in very light winds. Terry O'Neil managed to break away and get a good lead followed by Bruce and Tom. Bruce eventually got past to take his second win while Neil caught and passed Tom.

Race 6 had Phillip Brain finding some speed, he held a good sized lead all the way to the finish. Tom 2nd. Bruce was halfway to the finish on the last leg but had gone right in dying wind. A group of four boats went left and picked up a good breeze 3 getting past Bruce, Neil getting 3rd.

Photo below: Phillip on the downwind while the rest struggle to 'tree blue' top mark in almost no breeze..



Photo left: Phillip wins.



Bruce Watson and Reuben Muir were equal top boats today with totals of 12 points. Bruce from his two wins, Reuben with one. Neil Purcell was 3rd today on 14 points from a win and more 3rd places. Neil just holds onto his lead in the series with just one more day to be sailed with Bruce and Tom Clark equal 2nd just 2 points behind.

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Next Week(s):

July 2: Aggregate Match Race 7

July 9: Winter Series 7

July 16: Lay day

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