

# Sailing 21 May 2017

## Winter Series 2

After a few days of high winds and rain the day brought us light and shifty south-westerlies.

A good turnout of a dozen members, including a couple we haven't seen for quite some time, was added to by Harry Bowles who was just visiting and didn't sail.

Gary McKenzie has his boat in bits with his keel socket being reinforced and he used my Prada 1 which I have recently rebuilt with a new (2<sup>nd</sup> hand) hull.

Reuben Muir was late as he was teaching at Shakespeare Park. George Stead had picked up his boat but forgot the controller and so Reuben used the various refs' boats.

In race 1 the wind died at the first mark. Neil Purcell, Garry Irwin and I managed to get away leaving the rest becalmed. The 3 of us fought for the lead but at one mark the wind died and the other two drifted off the mark while I sailed around for the lead and the win.

Race 2 was a rerun from a handicap start. Again the 3 of us pulled away early. This time Neil led on the final leg but he stalled just a few metres from the mark and I snuck through for another win.

Neil repeated this for the next two races getting two wins while I made bad starts and dropped back. Terry O'Neill and George getting 2<sup>nd</sup>s; Reuben and Dan Leahy getting 3<sup>rd</sup>s.

Neil reffed race 5 which was won by George with Bruce Watson and Terry O;Neil getting the places.

Neil was back in the final race. He hit the mark at the start but in spite of completing his penalty turn he still managed to be first around the first mark in light winds (photo below - mark is just behind Neil's stern). As he sailed away most of the rest of the fleet tried to round together which



didn't help any of them (photo above) and allowed Neil to take a very large lead and was untroubled all the way to the win. The places being taken by Dan and Bruce.

Neil was top boat with 6 points from 3 race wins, an assessed win and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place. George was 2<sup>nd</sup> today with 15 and Bruce 3<sup>rd</sup> on 17.



*Dan leads the rest of the fleet away from the mark above.*



*Photo left: Duckings at the end of Autumn*

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## Next Week(s):

**May 28: Winter Series 3**

**June 4: Queens Birthday - fun day**

**June 11: Winter Series 4**

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