

Sailing 28 May 2017

Winter Series 3

There was no wind at all early this morning. The Electronics finished their first race around 10:30. In the 2nd race it took over 20 minutes after the first boat finished for the last boat to get to the line and 3 boats had already DNFed.

The wind did pick up after lunchtime. There were times when it died away but we managed to get through all 6 races with just a couple of minutes overrun on the time.

We moved a buoy around to get a reasonable start line for the mainly south-westerly. A course was set using most of the pond and giving two windward legs.

Phillip Brain has returned to racing with us. His boat failed in race 4 and it seems to have been battery related again. He reffed race 5 and took Bruce's boat in the final race and got 2nd place.

A couple of Reuben's and George's friend took my Prada 1 and Reuben's 2nd boat, number 92, in a couple of races.

In race 1 Tom Clark and I had a bad first leg and were trailing the fleet but on the next lap we went to the far side and picked up a shift which swept us to the top mark just behind Kevin Webb who had led most of the way and took the win.

Race 3 (waiting for the start at foot of page) had Tom getting away to a good lead but the wind died at the top mark and he drifted onto the



mark (photo above) to get a penalty, as did Terry O'Neill sailing 12. These, along with Neil Purcell and Bruce Watson went away as a leading bunch but Tom later missed a mark

rounding and dropped back giving Neil the win with Bruce and Terry getting the places.

Race 4, a handicap start, had Ian Power getting away to a large lead that he held right to the finish getting his first race win in a series. Well done Ian. Neil Held off Reuben and George Stead to get 2nd place.

In the final, divisional start race Phillip, using Bruce's boat, held a large lead all the way to within a few metres of the finish line where the wind died. I had worked to the lead of the rest of the fleet but Neil picked the best line from the final mark and swept down the last leg to get to the line to take the win by half a length from Phillip while Kevin passed me to get 3rd.

Bruce had won races 2 and 5 and his total of 11 was top boat today. I had a string of 2nds to be 1 point behind while Neil was 3rd from his two wins with a total of 15.

In the series, with 2 days counted and 1 day dropped, Neil takes the lead with Bruce 2nd and then 3 members with equal 3rd place.

Seawind 196 Repaired



Reuben Muir's Readysset Seawind 196 suffered a problem a few weeks ago when a servo overheated and caused a hole in the hull under the servo. He had swapped the rig to another kitset hull to keep racing, but has now repaired the hull with fibreglass inside and filler outside (photo above).

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Next Week(s):

June 4: Queens Birthday - fun day

June 11: Winter Series 4

June 18: Winter Series 5

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