

Sailing 12 November 2017

Summer Series 2

The wind was shifting from south-east through to west but settled mostly south-west. We used the new buoys in setting the course as these gave more options for setting start lines.



Race 1 had Wayne Carkeek initially getting mixed up with a couple of other ReadySets and then working the shifts and taking the lead where he was not challenged. Photo at foot taken from other side of pond has Wayne out of shot ahead. Photo left is his win.

My boat had lost all power and wound up on far shore from where the photo was taken.



Race 2 had Alan Smith getting a good sized lead with Ian Power, sailing from his wheelchair, keeping pace, initially at some distance. Ian crept up on Alan (photo left getting to end of first lap) while George Stead led the rest of the fleet a leg or two behind.

On the long downwind Alan and Ian were side by side, Ian taking the lead at the mark. George



broke away from the fleet and closed fast on the leading pair. These 3 swapped places, each leading at one time or another until at the penultimate mark (photo left) George took the lead with Alan back ahead of Ian, the finishing order, and no one else close.

The wins were spread about with Neil Purcell taking race 3, Reuben Muir and George getting the places. Race 4 was won by Kevin Webb with places taken by John Macaulay and George. John then won race 5 trying to show that he won't be getting the SandBaggers next year. Tom Clark was 2nd with Neil 3rd.

Between races 5 and 6 a group of 3 dogs were running uncontrolled and one tried to jump over my boat but failed to clear it and broke the mast. I sailed Wayne's boat because he was the umpire. His controller is mode 1 with sail control on the right. Fortunately, he could set this to also be rudder but my co-ordination was a problem. Tom then won the final race, Ian holding on for 2nd place and Peter Andrews taking 3rd. Neil Purcell, George Stead and Reuben Muir all finished with 16 points and so were first equal today.

State of the Pond

There was a little bit of algae last week but with not much rain the SG is up to 1.006 and should continue to rise to keep it down.

Buoys

The white buoy that was originally by the path had lost its weight and drifted to the shallow side of the pond. I was able to retrieve this buoy and noted that the chain had worn right through, which is why the rope should have the chain threaded onto it rather than this being used as part of the tether. It also shows that all the buoys need inspection and reworking.

I had made a couple of new concrete weights and Wayne has purchased some new buoys so we used these to replace the white and the purple that we had taken away last week.

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Next Week(s):

November 19: Summer Series 3

November 26: Summer Series 4

December 3: Aggregate Match Race 1

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