

Sailing 15 October 2017

Fraser Cup Race Final

A throng of three, maybe four, people lined the edge of the pond to watch the final. Terry crossed the start line first but was caught by Tom at the first mark. On the downward run Tom stretched the lead to 1 1/2 metres. On rounding the bottom mark Terry made up ground to cross ahead of Tom on starboard. Terry rounded the mark ahead and Tom had to make another tack to make the mark. A sudden gust of wind allowed Terry to take off downward at speed while Tom got flattened and had trouble rounding the mark. This allowed Terry to stretch out a big lead which he held to the finish, thus retaining the Fraser Cup.

There was congestion on the harbour bridge later. It is not known if this was due to the crowd leaving the pond or holiday makers heading home after the school holiday break.

Cheers, Terry O'Neill.

Fraser Cup 2017 Results:

Terry O'Neill	2
Tom Clark	1



Boats Today

Laurie Glover has repainted his Readysset to make it stand out from the crowd (left), which it certainly does.

As it was a fun day Neil Purcell decided to experiment with his spare Seawind and fitted it with a RG95 keel bulb and a

One Metre rudder. After sailing for a while the sail servo failed (again) and he took the club boat and used it to recover 68.



Next Week(s):

October 22: Labour Day Weekend - Fun day

October 29: AGM

November 5: Summer Series Start

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The Sinking of Sixty Eight



Gary McKenzies hasn't had much luck with his Seawind. Today was even worse. With quite strong winds the boats were heeling more than usual, enough to put the lee deck and the hatch into the water. It seems that 68's hatch wasn't sufficiently water tight.

The first indication was that the boat was very low in the water and sluggish. As Gary tried to sail it back to shore the stern rose up and it dived nose down leaving just the tip of the mast and sail showing the depth of the water.

Laurie Glover had a fishing rod with a 3 point hook and this was tried to catch on the rigging. Unfortunately, it caught on a buoy and the hook was lost.



I had some rope and this was tied to the club boat backstay. Some wire was bent into an attempt at a hook. The rope was only just long enough to reach the boat and it was the keel that caught in 68's rigging. It held sufficiently to pull the boat back a few feet, but the rope rode up the stay and pulled the stern underwater. The keel slipped off and 68 tilted so it was

no longer showing above water.



With the rope secured down to deck level more attempts were made to catch the rigging with the keel in the last known position.



Eventually, it was caught again and a slow steady pull soon had it showing underwater. After being underwater for an hour or so it could be lifted out.

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