

Sailing 15 April 2018

Autumn Series FINAL

It was very light today, with no particular direction but it did improve towards the end as it filled in from the east. A simple course was set though it did use the whole of the pond. Towards the end the course was shortened and the final race was a single lap to ensure that we finished on time.



A light patch in race 1

The **first race** took 35 minutes. George Stead got away to a good sized lead and held it all the way to the win. Tom Clark and Reuben Muir struggling to get the places.



For **race 2** it was agreed that if the first lap was not completed by 3pm then it would be a single lap. Neil Purcell took a small lead (far left in photo above) from the main bunch. For a time Wayne Carkeek and Tom took over the lead but Neil fought back for the win while George and John Macaulay came through for the places. The race finished just before 3pm.

Straight into **race 3**. I started on time at speed at the far end of the line to round the first mark in the lead with John close behind. The two of us raced away while the rest struggled as the wind died at that mark. On the second lap in improving wind John took the lead and held it for the win. Tom had a handy lead on the rest to be 3rd.



Race 4 had Laurie Glover take the lead (photo left) with Neil and Simon Adamson close behind and the rest of the fleet trying to get around the top mark in a bunch in light winds.

Laurie was running 5 cell rechargeable and this

failed giving a DNF while in the lead.

The race was won by Tom with Neil and Reuben close behind getting the places.

Bruce Watson also had a failure and was circling away from the race track. Simon pulled out of the race to assist and later Neil and I joined in and eventually pushed it close enough to shore that its next turn could be caught by Bruce.

Race 5 had Tom taking the lead early with myself following. Wayne broke away from the bunch to catch up to us. On the windward into the 2nd lap I



took the lead from Tom (above) and held this to the final mark with Tom and Wayne close behind. They split tacks and I couldn't cover both. In the centre of the pond I lost wind and they passed on either side with Wayne taking the win, Tom 2nd. With just a few minutes before 4pm we set the **final race** to be a single lap. This gave the advantage to C division and Alan Smith won that with Ian Power close behind and Tom taking 3rd. Tom Clark was top boat today with a score of 11. John Macaulay was next on 19 and George Stead and Reuben Muir equal 3rd on 20.

Autumn Series Results:

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| 1 st | Kevin Webb | 55 |
| 2 nd | Reuben Muir | 60 |
| 3 rd | John Macaulay | 68 |

3 Others were equal just 1 point behind John.

Divisional Series Results:

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| A | Kevin Webb |
| B | Neil Purcell |
| C | Ian Power |

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Next Week(s):

April 22: ANZAC - fun day

April 29: Winter Series START

May 6: Aggregate match Race Series 6

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