

# Sailing 19 August 2018

## Spring Series 4

The day was like last week, only worse. The wind in the morning was so light that the Electrons only managed 3 races. It did pick up at lunch time and Kevin Webb and I were able to get a couple of races in the Match Race Cup series. There was a light shower and the wind died away almost completely during the final race.

The wind was Northerly and slightly East. The course was set to use almost the whole pond and this proved to be too long for the wind. **Race 1** had Reuben Muir taking an early lead chased by Kevin. I worked through the fleet to get up to third by the final mark but Laurie Glover came through and beat me by a couple of inches for 3rd.

**Race 2** started in light winds with it dying away at the top mark. I managed to keep moving and passed the fleet to lead around it (photo at foot).



I led away to a good lead with Kevin chasing me but later I was passed by several boats (above) but Bruce Watson and Reuben tangled and Laurie (right) took the lead and I (left) also passed them on the way to the mark. I finally passed Laurie to take the win while Reuben and Bruce also managed to pass him for the places.

For **Race 3** the course was shortened to just a windward-leeward. A group of Neil Purcell, Bruce and Kevin rushed away with a good lead. On the second lap the wind died at the top mark and this group was caught. Neil (right) led away while I snuck through (center) as Reuben and Bruce (left) had another



tussle. Neil took the win and Bruce passed me to get 2<sup>nd</sup> and I held off Kevin by an inch or two for 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Race 4** (handicap start) had Andy Spierer lead around the first mark but Wayne Carkeek had stormed the windward and soon took over the lead which he held to win. The wind shifted westward and died away making the fleet bunch up at the final mark with Bruce and Kevin getting around for the places. The course was redrawn for **race 5** and as the wind shifted even further it was reset during the race to try to get an actual windward leg. Reuben won.

Reuben set a longer course for the **final race** but the wind died away and only 6 boats finished. Laurie got away to a large lead but Reuben ran him down and stretched out, winning by a couple of legs while Laurie took 2<sup>nd</sup> a couple of legs ahead of Bruce in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Reuben Muir won the day with 9 points from 3 wins. Bruce Watson was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 12 points from 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin 3<sup>rd</sup> on 15. Other wins to myself, Neil Purcell and Wayne Carkeek.

## Match Race Cup 2017

Kevin and I sailed a couple of races before the Spring Series. In the first I crossed the line ahead and was able to lead around the top mark. Kevin caught and passed me on the downwind and held this to the finish.



In the second I also led across the line but the wind died and shifted and Kevin led around the top mark. I passed him on the downwind (above). I led around the final mark but tacked too far on port and Kevin picked a shift and took the win.

The series is now: Kevin 3, Richard 2.

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**Next Week(s):**

**August 26: Spring Series 5**

**September 2: Father's Day - fun day**

**September 9: Spring Series 6**

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