

# Sailing 25 February 2018

## Autumn Series 3

The wind was mostly very light and was all over the place. A course was set for the wind in the South-West but after 2 races it was reversed as it had shifted to the East, sometimes North. Only 5 races were sailed and the last was started as a single lap to ensure we finished by 4pm. After dropping one race the score for the best 4 is scaled up by 5/4 to give the actual score. Sometimes the wind died away almost completely, as shown in the photo at the foot of the page soon after the start of race 3 with the boats heading to the first mark at yellow-cross.



The photo left is soon after with most bunched up on the short downwind and a couple, including Kevin Webb, still trying to round yellow-cross even though he was close to the mark below. They drifted back and had to take another run at it. Kevin eventually won that race. I was leading in

photo left but Neil Purcell managed to get an overlap and led around. In the final leg to the finish, with reasonable wind, Wayne Carkeek and I were side by side chasing Kevin. I managed to point higher and Wayne had to tack away allowing me to grab 2<sup>nd</sup> from him.

Kevin had won race 1. Neil won races 2 and 5. In race 2 on the final leg Kevin and I were duelling for 3<sup>rd</sup> place when the wind died for us and Wayne and Laurie swept past a few metres away.

In race 4 Laurie Glover took a large lead (photo right) and held this right to the win. Laurie then took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in race 5.

Kevin Webb was top boat today with 2 race wins and an adjusted total of 11. Three others had a score of 15: Neil Purcell, Wayne Carkeek and Bruce Watson. Wayne now leads the series with 2 days counted and one dropped, Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>, I 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## State of the Pond

Bunny Nicholson of the Electrons complained about the level of the pond as they have a regatta this coming Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March and they want the paths to be clear of water.

During the week I tried again on the weir gates with different tools but no better success. I had gone at the time that the tide dropped down through the 2.2 meter level so that I could measure the water at its highest point, as the water swithed from flowing in to going out. It was 9.5 cm over the top of the weir gates.

Today, at the point in time when the tide was rising through the 2.2 meter mark and the pond stopped flowing out and was starting to flow in again, Kevin and I checked the level at 4.5 cm over the weir gates. We then went over the road, where Bruce joined us, and took the chain out from the flap valve. This normally lets the high tide leak into the pond. With it removed the flaps can close and we should only get outflow. This should drop the level and keep the paths clear. With no inflow the salt level will not rise and it is currently only 1.006. After the regatta I will put the chain back under the flap valve.

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*Laurie leads race 4 on the downwind while the rest are still going to green (top left).*

## Next Week(s):

**March 4: Aggregate Match Race 4**

**March 11: Autumn Series 4**

**March 18: Autumn Series 5**

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