

# Sailing 17 June 2018

## Winter Series 5

The wind was quite light again when we started sailing and died away until it was almost zero as the last race finished.

12 members turned up by 2pm including Phillip Brain and Matt Robbmarkham who haven't been for quite some time but will be more often now. Reuben brought along his spare 92 and Sam Bullock and another friend. Another couple of potential members were also at the pond. Mike has bought Pierre du Plessis's boat and today he sailed my backup number 1. John Macaulay had problems with his battery not connecting so he took the club boat and did rather well with this. We started a few minutes late after some technical hold up. **Race 1** had Terry O'Neill and Bruce Watson first to the top mark in light winds. Bruce touched the mark at the end of the long downwind and lost places doing his penalty turn, Wayne Carkeek taking over the lead with me chasing. In the light and shifty conditions it was



John with the club boat that led around the top mark on lap 2 with Reuben and I just behind (photo above). Reuben got past John on the last leg to the finish and took the win.

**Race 2** had Ian Power round the first mark well in the lead with the wind dying as Laurie Glover cleared it leaving others staggering to get to it. Ian forgot the course and had to be called back letting Laurie take the lead with Wayne not too far behind. Laurie was around the top mark on lap 2 and left a group almost becalmed. Wayne drifted the wrong side of the mark and it was Ian and Matt that got away to chase Laurie. Bruce Watson went wide on the long downwind and found more wind to get past those two to be 2<sup>nd</sup> with Ian 3<sup>rd</sup>, Matt a creditable 4<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin, Bruce and Reuben rushed away in **Race 3** and finished in that order after changing lead all the way around.

**Race 4** had Ian and Laurie taking an early lead but Reuben, Bruce and Kevin took the lead going into lap 2. Bruce led with 2 legs to go, Kevin led on the last leg but fell into a hole on the far end of the line and the win went to Reuben.



At the end of lap 1 in **race 5** it was Neil that took the lead from Reuben with John close behind (above). At the top mark John led away and held this for the win. Neil 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ian caught Bruce for 3<sup>rd</sup>. For the divisional start of **race 6** I had given Sam Bullock a C division start and this was a mistake as he took a commanding lead that was never challenged and took the win. John took a good sized lead on the rest during the windward into lap 2 and held this for 2<sup>nd</sup> while Reuben was 3<sup>rd</sup>.

John and Reuben were equal top boat with 13 points. John with 1 win, Reuben with 2. Bruce was 3<sup>rd</sup> on 16 points. Other wins went to Laurie, Kevin and Sam. Reuben is well in the lead in the series.

## Match Race Cup 2017 - race 3

Kevin Webb and I need to get on with the Match Race Cup otherwise it won't be completed before it is due to be sailed for this year.



We had another race today in light winds before fleet racing. I led across the start line and at the top mark, Kevin caught me on the downwind (photo left). He thought he was clear ahead, swung to take the inside for the mark but hit me getting a penalty. I led on the windward but the

wind died and Kevin was back in the lead. I was catching him on the downwind and on the windward I got alongside to leeward and, in very light winds, pulled ahead and was able to tack across his bows to take the win. I now lead by 2:1.

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**Next Week(s):**

**June 24: Winter Series 6**

**July 1: Aggregate Match Race Series 7**

**July 8: Winter Series FINAL**

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