

Sailing 18 March 2018

Autumn Series 5

With the wind Easterly again today, last week's course was reused with just one change of buoy. The wind was just as shifty and variable as last week but was slightly stronger, sometimes more gusty.

Race 1 had George Stead rushing off to a large lead chased by Reuben Muir. Photo at foot, by Wayne Carkeek who was ref, shows lap 2, George is already on the downwind from 'black' (2nd left), Reuben is rounding red (far right) and the ones in the foreground are struggling to get upwind in the shifty conditions. Kevin Webb (centre on starboard) getting past for 3rd place.



Foster Wilkinson has repainted his boat (left) for better identification. In **race 2** he used his handicap start well and was able to sail his course unencumbered to lead

all the way to the finish. This is his first series win. Well done. Kevin was able to lead the rest to get 2nd with Wayne 3rd.

I refed **race 3**. George got away again at the first mark (photo right). Foster did well and is 2nd at this point (far left). Wayne took the lead at the final windward 'silver' but on the long leg along the path there were a couple of boats going the other way on starboard. Wayne swung to go below them but hit their rigs; in doing the penalty turn George and Kevin caught, pushing him 3rd photo below.



Kevin won the next 3 races and was top boat today with 7 point. This gives him the series lead. George was just 1 point behind with Wayne 3rd.

Photo: George (94), Wayne (3), Kevin (30)



State of the Pond

I tried again to shift the top board of the weir gate, this time with a heavy hammer and a cold chisel. The tide had just dropped down through the 2.2metre level so there was little pressure on the board but it would not shift.

The SG is still at 1.011 as there is almost no salt water coming in.

Potential Members

Steve has been looking at some radio yacht types. He had watched some of the Electron sailing and he tried out my boat and the club boat before racing started. He came back later and discussed boats with Wayne and others, including getting details of Wayne's boat for sale.

For Sale - by Wayne Carkeek



Almost new Readysset Seawind for sale: steel bulb as per stock, has Hitech sail servo and Savox rudder servo. Rest is fairly stock apart from a bit of deck prep for racing. New owner would need to do some minor assembly to reinstate the stock 2.4Ghz controller

provided and I would go through the whole thing with them if needed to have it sailing if they were new to it all. \$550.00. carkeeks@gmail.com

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Next Week(s):

March 25: Autumn Series 6

April 1: Easter - fun day - daylight saving end

April 8: Aggregate Series 5

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