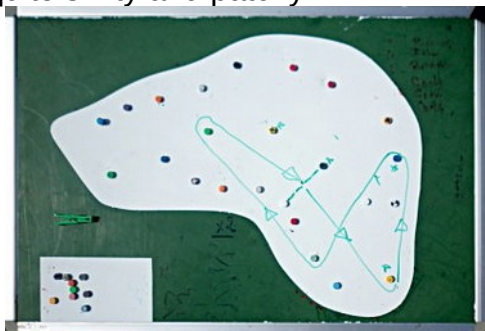


Sailing 25 March 2018

Autumn Series 6

There was almost no wind this morning and at midday the water was flat calm. For the racing a few breezes did blow from various directions but it was quite shifty and patchy.



A short course was set to ensure that we completed all the races in time. The initial course was a bit shorter but this (above) was race 2 on.



The start of **race 1** (above) was in light winds and flat water. Simon Adamson (right) got away to be first at mark 1 but on the downwind John Macaulay caught a gust and was ahead at the next mark. Four boats were halfway along that leg when the wind died around them and came up behind the last 3 (including me) who rushed through between the four and I wound up 3rd around. John was not challenged but Bruce Watson got the best of lap 2 and was 2nd while I held on to 3rd.

Race 2 I ran away to a good sized lead. In photo top right I am out of frame to the left while Simon drifts around 'green', Terry O'Neill and Wayne Carkeek lead the rest bearing down with some breeze. Bruce Watson worked through to take the lead in lap 2 but after the final mark he didn't



lay the finish mark and he had to tack in very light winds and stalled while Neil Purcell (2nd last left) had the best of the last leg

to take the win with George Stead and I getting the places with Simon 4th.

Race 3 was won by Kevin Webb, George and John taking places.

Race 4 had Terry taking the lead soon after the start (photo foot of page) and hold this most of the way around the course but Bruce (centre background) caught him right on the line to snatch the win.

Terry won **race 5** John and Kevin took places.

Race 6 was a race in two parts. The three B division boats kept well ahead of the As as they kept close together and swapped lead. At the finish it was Terry taking the win with Simon 2nd and Neil 3rd. Wayne led the As (below), initially leaving 3 boats becalmed at the 'blue' but these caught up but couldn't catch Wayne.



Terry O'Neill was top boat today with 2 wins and a 2nd with 16 points. John Macaulay and Kevin Webb

were equal 2nd today with 18 points.

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Next Week(s):

April 1: Easter - fun day - daylight saving end

April 8: Aggregate Series 5

April 15: Autumn Series FINAL

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