

Sailing 6 May 2018

Aggregate Match Race Series 6

Rain had been forecast but it turned into a nice sunny afternoon with a reasonable wind most of the time. There was some grass and pine needles in the water which seemed to be caused by children throwing it in by the bridge. With several of the leaders in the draw we could start early. First up was George Stead and I. I managed to give George a port/starboard penalty early on in the prestart and avoid him after that.



At the start the wind died somewhat and George stalled giving me a good lead at the top mark which I could hold until the finish. Photo left, taken by Kevin webb, shows me on the final downwind while George is between Neil Purcell and Terry O'Neill in the next race.

In that race those two stayed within a length or two but it was Neil that took the win.

In the race between Bruce Watson and Kevin they were both aggressive in the prestart. Bruce led early but the wind died away and Kevin caught and led around the top mark. The next time at the top mark Kevin led around but Bruce on starboard trapped Kevin and forced him to round again (left) the wind was light and Bruce came too close stopping Kevin from turning. Bruce had to turn away letting Kevin turn but then Kevin was trapped by Reuben Muir and John Macaulay on starboard



going to the mark in their race (above). Kevin had to turn again back to the mark to avoid them while Bruce (right edge) went off downwind. Kevin caught up on the downwind while Reuben

luffed John off to the right of the course. Bruce and Kevin rounded the last mark together and it was Kevin that took the lead on the windward to the finish (photo below left).



Kevin tacked while Bruce held on and kept his speed to get ahead sufficiently to tack across Kevin's bow (above right) to grab the win.



In the race between Tom Clark and Terry they both went over the line early and were recalled. Terry was quicker to recover and led away to eventually take the win.

The next race was between Bruce and I. The prestart was aggressive but no penalties. Bruce took the lead and led around the first mark in light winds. We both checked for weed on the downwind and I managed to get side-by-side with Bruce but he led around the bottom mark. We split tacks and I had more wind and took the lead (photo below). Bruce went too close to the start line as another race started and he caught the mark leaving me to take the win.



I won all 4 races and lead the series. Tom Clark, John Macaulay and Reuben Muir won 3 races.

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Next Week(s):

May 13: Mother's Day - fun day

May 20: Winter Series 2

May 27 Winter Series 3

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