

Sailing 16 December 2018

Summer Series 6

The wind was very light in the morning and was between east and north. It picked up after noon and was a nice sailing breeze by the time that we started racing. It was hot, though, and I had brought along a sun umbrella for some shade.



Eleven members turned up for the Summer series racing. A figure 8 course was set to use most of the pond (photo above).



Race 1 had Mike Renner (85) get the best start (photo above) while Tom Clark was over and had to weave back behind the line.



The wind died somewhat on the windward and at the first mark it was Wayne Carkeek (3) leading Neil Purcell (6) and Kevin Webb (30). Neill took the lead for a short time but Wayne was leading again by the next mark and held onto this lead all the way to take the win. On the final downwind Laurie Glover and George Stead brought up the wind from behind and these two pass Neil on the windward to the finish but Kevin held on for 2nd.



In **race 2** Laurie Glover took the lead early on (photo at foot of page) and increased this lead over the next few legs to be well ahead.



George, I and Wayne (above) chased Laurie into lap 2. The wind died going to the top mark leaving Laurie almost becalmed and George was able to round ahead and opened up a lead to take the win from Laurie. I had dropped back and Wayne pulled into 3rd.

Race 3 had Kevin take the lead at the first mark with me a couple of lengths behind. by the end of the first lap Kevin was well ahead but the wind died ahead and I carried the last to drift past into lap 2. Neil also came close to passing Kevin but the wind returned and I led the rest of the race to take the win.

Tom and Wayne were the early leaders in **race 4**. George and I worked through the fleet, On the final leg George took the lead while Tom failed to cross ahead of me on starboard and took a penalty turn to be back into 3rd.

I won the next two races, closely fought with Kevin in **race 5** and with George in **race 6**.

I was top boat today with 3 wins, a 2nd and an assessed win for 6 points. George had two wins and an assessed win for 8 points and Kevin had several 2nds to get 12 points.

Reuben retains the series lead while I move to 2nd and George 3rd. 6 points cover the top 5 boats in the series. It should be an exiting final.

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Next Week(s):

December 23: Xmas break - fun day

December 30: New Year break - fun day

January 6: Aggregate Match Race series 2

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