

Sailing 25 November 2018

Summer Series 4

There had been quite a bit of rain on Saturday and the forecast was for more. No one turned up for the Electron racing, except Neil of course.

The wind was quite light but it built up and by 2pm it was quite a boisterous northerly for the first race. There were black clouds to the west and they drifted over and brought a heavy shower and killed the wind leaving a light southerly for the second race and almost nothing for two more races. We finished the fourth race just before 4pm and so the results will be scaled up by 5/3. 14 members were racing.



Race 1 (start above) had John Macaulay and Reuben Muir making the best start.



The fleet bunched up going to the first mark (above) and it seemed it could be a disaster but they all managed to get around (below).



John (2nd from left above) rushed away with a gust on the long downwind to 'Tree Blue' to take a large lead which he increased to a win with Bruce Watson and Tom Clark taking the places.



For **race 2** the wind had died and switched around to give a downwind start, then the rain came. Foster Watkinson took the lead and was half the pond ahead on the downwind (left) and took the win.

Neil Purcell, Laurie Glover, John and Wayne (photo top next column) drifted as a group with Neil and John getting the places.



For **Race 3** we discussed changing the course but the rain had washed the chart board so nothing could be done. Reuben soon took the lead with Bruce and Wayne chasing. On the windward through to lap 2 Tom took over 2nd place but couldn't catch Reuben. Bruce 3rd. Wayne stalled at a mark and I could get past but at the final mark Wayne was just ahead again going to the line but the wind died and my heavier boat carried me to the line just ahead.



Race 4 had Laurie taking a good lead around lap 1 (photo above) but he had to pull out and the race went to John, Bruce and Wayne.

John Macaulay was top boat today with 2 wins, an assessed win for ref, scaled up to 5 points. Bruce Watson had 2nds for a total of 10. Reuben was 3rd with 18 and one win.

John now leads the series two days counting and one discard. Bruce is second and Reuben third.



State of the Pond

The water was up over the path due to the rain and the high tide still coming in. In fact the tidal curves showed that it would start to go out at 2pm and it did drop during racing.

Neil and I went to the weir gates around 1pm and the water was measured at 7 inches (17.5cm) over the weir gate.

There was a small amount of scrut around but it should be 'burnt out' soon.

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Next Week(s):

December 2: Aggregate Match Race 1

December 9: Summer Series 5

December 16: Summer Series 6

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