

Sailing 24 February 2019

Autumn Series 3

The very high tides, up to 3.7m, and a small amount of rain put the water over the path today. The wind was westerly sometimes south-west and was often of a good strength. Rain was forecast but held off until after racing.

Dan Leahy joined us, taking 112 but had battery problems after a couple of races. Neil Purcell's 6 failed again in race 1 and he left. Terry O'Neil's 12 failed in race 1 and he took my 101 for the rest of the races and won scratch race 5 with it. Interestingly it decided to have the rudder work the wrong way. It could be switched back but the mystery is what caused it to go wrong! Even more so was that John Hinton's 24 also had the same issue.

The wind indicator pole has been broken off and was lying on the grass.

In **race 1** my Prada 1 hadn't made the best start and was given a penalty. to make it last It was liking the stronger winds and powered along by itself on the strong windward legs to take the lead from Reuben Muir at bridge yellow. Lap 2 had Reuben take the lead on a slow downwind and run away for the win while George Stead and I fought for the places.

Race 2 had Simon Adamson and Wayne Carkeek leading around lap 1 while Kevin Webb and I chased them down. Kevin got past for a win while Simon held me off to get 2nd.



Race 3 (start above) had Laurie Glover's 15 getting the best start by the windward mark. He and Reuben tacked away towards the path and



this gave them a clear line. Approaching the first mark (at foot) Reuben had taken the lead with Laurie on his heels.

Terry in 101 (below) led the rest but he was forced the wrong side of the mark and had to re-round behind everyone.



Reuben got clear away and George caught up to Laurie and these two fought for the places. meanwhile Terry had worked 101 back through the fleet taking on Kevin then Wayne to get 4th.

Race 4 had Kevin and I running down the earlier starters through lap 1. Reuben caught me before the finish.

In **race 5** Reuben was ref. Terry in 101 got away to take lead while I tried to chase him down. Approaching mark 1 lap 2 I got close, too close, and took a penalty but then chased again all around the course. At the finish he was just a length ahead. Simon took 3rd.

Race 6 had Mike Renner and Wayne lead most of the way but Reuben was able to pass them on the windward and run away for his third win.

Reuben won 3 races and an assessed win gave him a total of 6 points to be top boat today and take a large lead in the series. I was 2nd with 12 points from 2nds and 3rds. Kevin had two wins and totalled 16 points.

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Next Week(s):

March 3: Aggregate Match Race 4

March 10: Autumn Series 4

March 17: Autumn Series 5

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