

Sailing 21 July 2019

Spring Series START

It felt like a spring day today, sunny and warm. The morning, though, had no wind. The Electrons sailed three and a half (one lap) races before giving up. As the sun heated up the afternoon the wind rose and was mainly a nice sailing breeze.

The course was initially set for a southerly but for the second race the wind shifted towards the west so the course was changed.

Fourteen members turned out for the first day of the Spring Series.



Race 6 with a divisional start had Wayne Carkeek take the lead going to the first mark (photo above far right) with Tom Clark close.



At the short windward mark Tom had taken the lead (above). On the downwind Wayne took back the lead while Neil Purcell and Laurie Glover



caught and bracketed Tom. Wayne raced away (above) to a lead of half the pond to take the win while Bruce Watson worked through the rest of the leaders to be second, Laurie third.

Tom Clark was top boat today with two wins and a total of 11. **Reuben Muir** was second with 13 from two wins. **Bruce Watson** was third on 14 points with one win. **Laurie Glover** was one point behind Bruce and **Wayne Carkeek** had one win and a total of 17.

Last Week

The forecast was for rain, hail, thunder and gale force winds. It came early and by 2pm had passed leaving a nice sailing breeze to be enjoyed by six members.

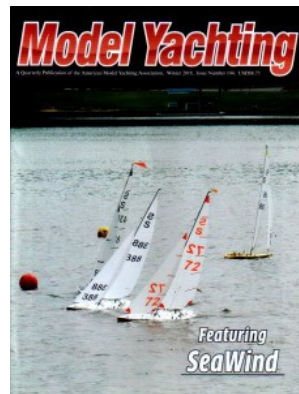
McCaw Cup 2019

Andy Spierer and Mike Renner continued their 3 race series for this cup. The start was even and Mike was first to the top mark but went to round it the wrong way letting Andy take the lead. On the downwind Mike pulled level but Andy had the inside and held the lead back to the top mark and then on the final downwind (photo left). At the mark Andy rounded wide letting Mike slip through to take the win.



Mike Renner wins the McCaw cup.

[Wayne's Facebook page](#) has a series of photos.



Model Yachting

I now have a copy of issue 194 of this American Model Yachting Association magazine which features the Seawind.

This issue has articles on the history of the Seawind, building and improving the

Readysset, class legal adjustable vang, refitting the rig for optimal tuning, and an adjustable stand.

Issues 140 and 169 from 2005 and 2012 also featured the Seawind.

Members may borrow these.

Call for Papers

This is the last series of the club year. I put out an 'Upwind' newsletter at the end of the year and request articles for this.

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Next Week(s):

July 28: Spring Series 2

August 4: Aggregate Match Race 8

August 11: Spring Series 3

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