

Sailing 16 June 2019

Winter Series 5

There were a couple of showers, as forecast. The wind was sometimes very light but mostly a nice sailing breeze though it did swing around from west to south-west.

Fourteen members including Derek Thoms with a new Readysat on its first outing and still being put together. Derek has been to the pond a few times before and had sailed Ian Power's boat before.

Race 1 had Neil Purcell lead into the first mark (photo foot of page) with Bruce Watson chasing. Simon Adamson tried the left side (far right in photo) but ran out of wind.



Bruce took the lead on the downwind (photo above). As Tom Clark joined they rushed away leaving the fleet in light winds. Wayne Carkeek (far right) also gets clear and chases.

Wayne catches the leading group and on the dog-leg windward gets into second behind Bruce.



Meanwhile, several in the next group got side-by-side on the downwind (left). Generally, this tends to slow all the boats down as they interfere with each others' wind.

Terry O'Neil (far left) led around the mark but caught on another buoy.

Bruce took the win with Wayne and Tom in the places.

Race 2 had the wind die going to the first mark but Terry kept going on the right and took the lead. Wayne and also went right and held the wind. We swapped the lead around the course but eventually it was Terry that took the win.

During the race Reuben Muir had his boat lose control and start circling. Afterwards Neil and John Macaulay tried to corral it and eventually managed to trap it between them and push it to shore (photo below).



After a change of batteries Reuben had his boat back under control and won **race 3**. I had tried a port end start using the line bias and led around mark 1 but dropped back with Wayne second.

Wayne won **race 4**, John and Bruce placing.

Reuben won **race 5**, Bruce and Terry placing.

Race 6 was won by Neil Purcell, Wayne 2nd, Mike Renner holding on for 3rd.

Wayne Carkeek was top boat today with 9 points from a win and many seconds. **Bruce Watson** second on 12 with one win. **Neil Purcell** with one win, **Reuben Muir** with two wins and **myself** were third equal on 20 points. Terry O'Neil also had a win.

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Next Week(s):

June 23: Winter series 6

June 30: Winter series FINAL

July 7: Aggregate Match Race Series 7

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