

Sailing 3 March 2019

Aggregate Match Race Series 4

The wind was easterly earlier today but before we started it switched to south-west and swung sometime to west or even somewhat north of west. The easterly had blown some rafts of scrut to the south end and these drifted back when the wind shifted.

Ten members turned up for the match racing. First up was George Stead and I. I took the lead up to the first mark but on the downwind the wind sprung up from behind and George took the lead and held it to the win.



In the race between Foster Watkinson and Ian Power, Foster got the best of the start and rushed away to a good sized lead (above) but at



the finish (left) Ian had caught up and was on starboard forcing Foster to tack and give away the win.



In the start between Bruce Watson and Alan Smith, Alan had pushed Bruce over the line with just a few seconds to go (left) but the line ran out before the countdown and both boats had to



turn to get back to the start (photo left) and Bruce could turn tighter to get to the line in the lead and eventually take the win.



As the wind swung the top mark was changed from 'basketball' to 'tree blue' and back again when it swung back.

Here (left) Terry O'Neill is around 'tree blue' and away as Mike Renner

struggles with the wind dying.

George Stead and Bruce Watson both won all 4 of their races. George increases his lead in the series.

State of the Pond

Last Monday I pulled the chain from the flap valves as the pond level had risen too high and was going over the path. This let the pond drain down to the weir gate level at low tide and not raise much during high tide.

This left the silt at the north end exposed and smelly.

Electron Regatta

The Electrons had their regatta yesterday. Apparently Dan Leahy won.

While laying out marks they discovered a one metre yacht that had sunk a year ago. They dragged it out and laid it to rest (below).



Club Boat and CorrosionX

Wayne on his [Facebook page](#) has a link to a video on YouTube about [waterproofing electronics](#) using CorrosionX. Last week some water got into 112. When I tested it later the sail servo was shaking continuously. I pulled the servos out, unscrewed the base of the servo and squirted it with CorrosionX. It immediately brought the servo back into normal operation.

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Next Week(s):

March 10: Autumn Series 4

March 17: Autumn Series 5

March 24: Autumn Series 6

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