

Sailing 24 March 2019

Autumn Series 6

Earlier this morning there was no wind and a spot of rain. Later the wind filled in from the North and it was quite a nice breeze by the time we started racing.

A fairly simple course had been set in case the wind went light and it was extended later but we still finished early. A few fun races were held afterwards.

Fourteen members turned out today. Dan Leahy had sailed his Electron in the morning and took 112 for racing in the afternoon.

Race 1 had Tom Clark (2) and Wayne Carkeek (3) getting the best start. Wayne led around the first couple of marks (photo below) and then raced away



with Kevin Webb (30). Reuben Muir (196) and Neil Purcell (6) chasing. With some light patches there was some mixing up and it was Neil that led into lap



2, but Wayne soon took back the lead at the top mark and then was off on the downwind (photo above). Neil held on to lead the rest (photo below) but on the final leg to the finish Reuben passed to be second.



I don't know what John Macaulay and Kevin are up to in top right corner.



In **race 2**, handicap start, Andy Spierer (4) took a large lead (top left in photo above) while Tom and Wayne (top centre) fought. Some light winds had the



fleet bunch up on the downwind of lap 2 (photo above). Dan Leahy (sailing 112) came out of this best around bridge yellow and led on the windward but Wayne and Tom out pointed the rest to get the places well behind Andy.

Race 3 was won by John Macaulay (5) with Reuben and Dan getting the places.

Reuben won **race 4** with Wayne and Tom placing.

Tom won the next two races. **Race 5** with Reuben and Kevin taking the places. Places in **race 6** were taken by Terry O'Neill and Wayne.

Reuben Muir was top boat today with 14 points and one win. **Wayne Carkeek** was 1 point back on 15 and one win. **Tom Clark** had two wins and had 16 points. Other wins went to **Andy Spierer** and **John Macaulay**. Reuben leads the series by a large margin with myself second and Wayne now third.

101 Rudder problem

I noticed that the rudder on 101 was stiff so I pulled it out to clean it. In doing so I noticed that the rudder cross-bar could shift on its brass boss. This meant that the rudder could not be centered reliably, it could be knocked askew.



Wayne will be getting replacement cross-bars that are one piece and should be more reliable.

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Next Week(s):

March 31: Autumn Series FINAL

April 7: Aggregate Match Race Series 5

April 14: Winetr Series START

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