

Sailing 15 September 2019

Spring Series 6

The first thing that I do when I get home is plug in the camera's SD card and today it failed. Fortunately 'photorec' managed to recover all the photos.

Twelve members, plus Rick Royden with a new Readyset, were at the pond for the racing. Dan Leahy used club boat 112. The wind was on the lightish side but the day was warm and a good course was set around the refreshed buoys.

In **race 1** I got a good start. Alan Smith led at mark 1 but I was close behind. A couple of marks later I took the lead but getting to the end of lap 1 the wind died completely and I picked up a leaf in my keel. When the wind came back Laurie Glover took the lead and held this to the win with Bruce Watson and John Macaulay taking the places.

Race 2 was led by Alan and Andy Spierer in the early stages. Laurie worked from mid fleet to 3rd halfway through lap 1 and passed Alan going to the top mark in lap 2 in light winds. These two held that through to the finish with Neil Purcell leading the rest for third.



Laurie started at the port end in **race 3** and went to the far path to catch a wind shift and gust to surge to the top mark (photo left) with a large lead over Neil who was next.

John rounded next but his boat failed at the end of lap 1. Alan held off Tom Clark

and Wayne Carkeek for a while but these two eventually took the places but couldn't get close to Laurie getting his third win.

Bruce had his batteries fail at the start and he went ashore and replaced them but was well last but recovered to be 5th at the end.

Terry took a large lead in **race 4** chased by Laurie and Mike Renner. I eventually came through for third.

With Laurie reefing **race 5**, Neil led by a leg halfway in lap 1 with Dan next in the club boat. By the finish John and Bruce took the places.

Alan led **race 6** through lap 1. In dying winds Neil led at the top mark in lap 2 with Wayne close behind. Wayne won with Bruce second and Laurie getting third - his discard.

Laurie Glover was top boat with 6 points from 3 wins, a second and an assessed first for reefing. **Bruce Watson** was second with 13 from several 2nd places. **Neil Purcell** was third with 16 and one win. Other wins went to **Terry O'Neill** and **Wayne Carkeek**.

Fraser Cup Match Races



Finally Wayne Carkeek and Tom Clark were both at the pond with suitable weather to complete the races for the Fraser Cup after fleet racing.

Race one had Tom holding a small lead around the first lap (photo above) but on the final downwind he caught the wind while Wayne struggled to round the top mark and Tom won.

In the prestart of **race 2** Tom was given a penalty for failing to keep clear as windward boat. While Tom led across the start line the penalty turn allowed Wayne to take the lead and increase this to take a win.



Race 3 is required and the prestart has penalties given and cleared. Tom was over at the start but recovered to only be slightly behind on the windward. The wind went light and Tom drew ahead around the top mark. Tom stretched out his lead on the downwind and the next windward but the wind came from behind and Wayne caught up at the

final mark. Closing to the finish, Wayne drew ahead (photo above) in light wind but a gust had Tom catch it first to win by half a length.

Tom Clark wins Fraser Cup for 2019.

More photos on Wayne's Facebook page tomorrow.

End of Club Year

Proposals for the coming year should be sent in before the AGM. Articles, opinions and comments are needed for the Upwind newsletter and these should be sent in by the end of the month.

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Next Week(s):

September 22: Spring Series FINAL

September 29: Lay day

October 6: President's Regatta

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