

Sailing 1 December 2019

Aggregate Match Race Series START

The wind was quite strong and gusty today. With a north-easterly we could set the longest course possible for a windward-leeward.

Twelve members raced today. Neil Purcell had his boat fail and he took club boat 112. Terry O'Neill had his boat fail in his first race, with Neil, and it went ashore on the far side. He took my backup 101 and later Neil and Terry resailed that race, which Terry won.



During the racing a dog swam the length of the pond (photo above) without, fortunately, interfering with the boats or catching a duck.

For the start of a new series the final order from last year's series is used for the draw. With the first few already at the pond we were able to start racing early. Bruce and I were first up. As we started Bruce established a small overlap to leeward and clipped me to claim a penalty on me. I did the penalty turn and trailed Bruce to the top mark but the wind died and I managed to drift to the mark past Bruce. The wind came back and got to Bruce first so he shot past me and led the rest of the race.



(Photo left) Neil sailed 112 (right) around the course alone after Terry's boat failed, but they resailed this race later.

Laurie Glover (far left) led George Stead on the downwind but on

the windward coming back from the bottom mark George took the lead (below) and a close win.



Mike Renner, sailing Sirocco 61 today, seems to be leaning on Bruce's 33 (photo left) but I don't think he was given a penalty because they were in different races in round 2.

There were quite a few broaches on the downwind when it



gusted. Here (photo left) Ian Power drives 104 under while Alan Smith spins around in their race.

George Stead won all four of his races today, **Bruce Watson** and **Alan Smith** won three.

State of the Pond



The algae hadn't grown much over the week so it was only necessary to trim a little round the edges. I had brought a grapnel and was able to clear some which had been out of reach last week, and also this cabbage tree (photo above).



This morning this Seawind had been sailing in the other pond when it got stuck on the island. The owner had to call his neighbour to bring a paddle board (inflatable) to get it rescued.

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Next Week(s):

December 8: Summer Series 4

December 15: Summer Series 5

December 22: Christmas Break

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