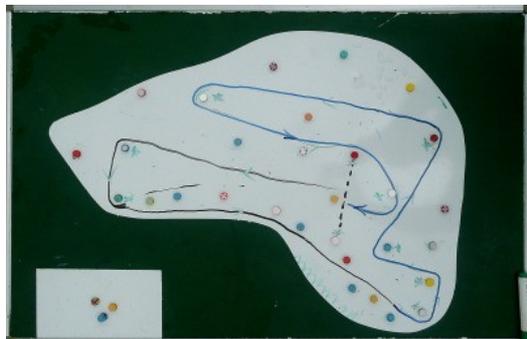


# Sailing 8 December 2019

## Summer Series 4

We started with a fairly strong northerly wind. There was a short shower just after midday which drove the Electrons away and another one before the racing started but these were quickly away and the forecast rain didn't show. After we finished the wind died to almost nothing.



A fairly long course was set (above). At times the wind dropped and we may have had to shorten but we got through all races before 4pm.

**Race 1** had George Stead take an early lead in the first leg (photo at foot) with Ian Power close behind. Ian had an inside overlap at the first mark and took the lead. Halfway through the first lap John Macaulay had moved into second and started to threaten George. By the 'White' John



had taken the lead and had rushed away downwind (photo above). Tom Clark and George (far left rounding white) also passed Ian.



At the end of the long downwind (photo above) Reuben Muir (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) and Neil Purcell (far right) had closed up and by the finish has passed the other two to take the places far behind John.

Many more photos of this race and others will be posted on [Wayne's Facebook page](#).



**Race 2** soon had Ian and Laurie Glover in the leading group but they collided and locked together (photo left) and they retired. It was John that took the lead again with George and Tom taking the places.

**Race 3** was won by George, Laurie and I taking the places.

John had retired in race 3 but was back to work through the fleet in **race 4** and took his third win. Ian hanging on from his handicap start to hold second while Reuben was third.

**Race 5** had Reuben leading start to finish, Laurie and George taking the places.

Ian soon led **race 6**. I had led the A division off the line and soon worked through the fleet to try to chase down Ian but he was too far ahead and I had to settle for second with George third.

**John Macaulay** was top boat today with 3 wins and a total of 12. **George Stead** was one point behind after one win. **Reuben Muir** had one win and a total of 15, he leads the series. **Ian Power** had one win.

The water is the saltiest that I have seen at 1.024 and some of the algae is turning black.

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### Next Week(s):

**December 15: Summer Series 5**

**December 22: Christmas Break**

**December 19: New Year Break**

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