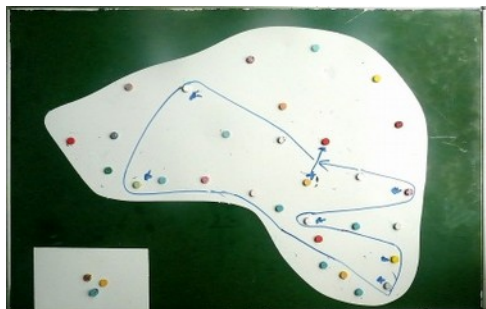


Sailing 15 December 2019

Summer Series 5



The north-easterly wind was quite light when the course was set so it was of moderate length, but when we started racing it had picked up and we got through the first couple of races quite quickly so the remainder were sailed with 3 laps.

Last week Terry O'Neill's boat had failed and it seemed to be the receiver at fault. I lent him a replacement and this worked so he got a couple more so he could return mine. The receiver failed again today. He uses a 5 cell battery but runs alkaline and the 7.5v may exceed the tolerance of the device. I run 5 cell rechargeables to the same model which only gives a nominal 6volt.

Terry took club boat 112 again for race 3 which I had tuned so it sailed rather better.

In **race 1** I had made a good start and led around the first mark but soon had a small group nibbling at my transom. Reuben Muir and Bruce Watson passed to push me back to third.



Race 2 had Terry lead around the first mark in light winds closely followed by Ian Power (photo above). These two raced away to a good lead, side by side on the downwind.



Terry was still leading close to the end of lap 1 but John Macaulay had worked the shifts better on that leg and raced through into lap 2 (above).

Terry held onto second at the start of the long downwind but his boat failed.



John took a large lead going to the final mark (photo above far right) and the win while Neil Purcell (left) and George Stead fought for the places.

Race 3 and I made a good start and led around the first mark by a good margin which I held until the finish. Neil and George took the places again.



Race 4 had Mike Renner and Ian use their handicap start to good effect by running away to a large lead (photo above). Ian dropped behind while George and Bruce got the places. John and Laurie had collided at the start and by the time they drifted to shore they had lost too much time and retired.

Race 5 had Reuben and Bruce fighting for the lead all the way around, George third in a close finish.

Race 6 had Laurie and Ian take the lead. I had worked up to third halfway through lap 3 but the boat failed and Bruce took that place.

George Stead and **Bruce Watson** were equal top boats today with 15 points without a win. I was one point behind from one win. Other wins were well distributed to **Reuben Muir** with 2, **John Macaulay**, **Mike Renner** and **Laurie Glover**.

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Next Week(s):

December 22: Christmas Break

December 29: New Year Break

January 5: Aggregate Match Race Series 2

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