

Sailing 24 November 2019

Summer Series 3

The wind was a minefield today, switching every which way, rising and dropping. A dozen members were at the pond for the racing.

Race 1 was initially led by Bruce Watson and Neil Purcell (photo just after start at foot of page) but soon had Reuben Muir taking the lead with Wayne Carkeek chasing after him. Neil, Terry O'Neill, and I fought closely but eventually it was Neil that took 3rd place.



Race 2 was led around the first lap by Ian Power and Rick Royden but shortly in lap 2 Reuben took the lead (photo above) with Bruce (left) closing up by the first mark. Wayne and I duelled and eventually we passed Bruce to take the places.



Race 3 had me taking the lead early on and increasing this (photo above) while being chased. George Stead (centre) managed to break away and closed on me going to the finish. Bruce had his boat batteries fail again.



Race 4 (photo above) was led by Rick and Ian



but Wayne managed to get between them and then pass Rick to take the win. Laurie Glover was up alongside Rick at the end of the final downwind but had to settle for 3rd. The following boats were hit by a gust and broached.

Rick then won **race 5** with myself and Wayne taking the place.

Again in **race 6** Rick took the lead and increased this to the finish. Wayne was second around the final mark but caught a cabbage leaf. Reuben and George had worked through the fleet and took the places.

Reuben Muir was top boat today taking 2 wins and getting 11 points. I was one point behind from one win. **Wayne Carkeek** was third one point behind me from one win. **Rick Royden** had two wins. Reuben leads the series, I am second, George Stead third.

State of the Pond



Several of those early to the pond raked out the weed from the edge of the pond. This had also been done by the Ancient mariners during the week. It is probably growing because the sports fields are being regrassed and the council would have put down fertilizer which has washed into the pond.

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Next Week(s):

December 1: Aggregate Match Race Series 1

December 8: Summer Series 4

December 15: Summer Series 5

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