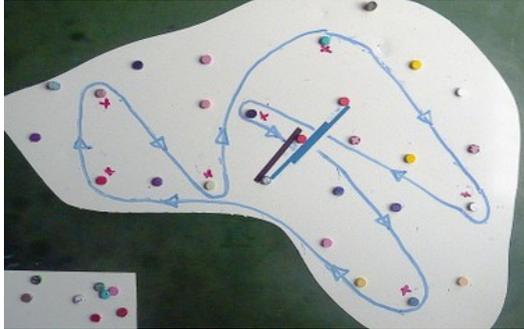


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Spring Series 2

Seventeen members turned out on a rather cold day for the racing. The wind started as being the forecast south-westerly but it went more west.

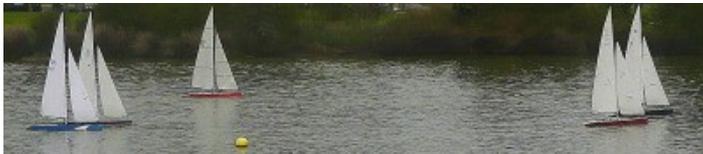


Reuben Muir drew a rather long and complicated course (above) with a long start line (blue strips) that shortened to the black finish line. Wayne Carkeek has 3D printed a line of markers that was laid over the course to make a rain proof course.



In **race 1** George Stead got off the a good start and soon led by a good margin (above). Soon after this his sail servo gave problems and he retired. The servo recovered later and gave no problems in the rest of the day. The others in the photo then fought for the lead around the course. Wayne had a lead of several lengths at the end of the long downwind but John Macaulay caught him on the back windward leg. They were side by side going to the final mark but John had the inside overlap and took the win, Wayne and Reuben placing.

Race 2 had Mike Renner leading at the first mark. Mike held a huge lead through the first lap chased by Terry O'Neill. At 'Tree Blue' Wayne and Tom Clark were close behind Terry, passed him on the long downwind and started whittling away at Mike's lead.



Going to the penultimate silver mark Mike held a 10 length lead but stayed on the left and lost wind (above) allowing 4 boats to pass him, George having caught the group. Tom got an inside overlap on Wayne and took the lead at the mark to take the win.



Race 3 had Ian Power get away and lead by a couple of legs after the long downwind (photo previous column - Ian top right). Reuben gave chase and gradually wore down the lead. By the penultimate, silver, mark Reuben had taken the lead with Tom close behind. Wayne and Ian were side by side but went the wrong side of the finish line mark allowing me to take third.



Race 4 had Mike take the lead at the top mark again (above) while John and Ian tangled (far right) and Wayne came through next to the mark, Reuben and George just behind him. Those five rushed away on the downwind chasing Mike and eventually passing him with Wayne taking the win, George and John the places.



In **race 5** I made a great start (above) and led at the first mark with Tom and Neil Purcell following. Tom passed me on the downwind. Reuben caught Tom going into lap 2 and led to the finish, Tom getting second place, while John and George passed me.

With time getting short **Race 6** was reduced to a single lap with handicaps of 60, 30, 0. Ian got away again and had his own breeze to win by a couple of legs while Reuben and George took the places.

Reuben Muir was top boat today with 11 points from two wins, he leads the series. **George Stead** was second with 15 points and **John Macaulay** was third with 17 points and one win. Other wins went to **Tom Clark, Wayne Carkeek** and **Ian Power**.

See [Wayne's Facebook](#) page later for additional photos.

Aggregate Match Race Series

A short meeting of the race committee was asked to decide on the number of race days that were to count in the match race series. Nine race days were scheduled but two were lost during lockdown. Normally 6 race days count to the total with 3 discarded. An option of 5 counting and 2 discarded and two lost was put and rejected so 6 race days will count.

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Next Week(s):

August 16: Spring Series 3

August 23: Spring Series 4

August 30: Spring Series 5

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