

Sailing 12 July 2020

Winter Series 6

Eighteen members were at the pond today. With a westerly wind a reaching start was made to the far corner giving a couple of windward legs to 'Bridge Yellow'. It was hoped that the boats would be spread out by the first mark but it wasn't always this way.

Ian Power had his rudder servo fail so he took club boat 112 but then discovered that 104 was back working. Wayne Carkeek also had servo problems and 112 was available for him for the last two races. Reuben turned up having forgotten to pick up his hatch. I had a spare he could use.

Race 1 had George Stead take the lead when a handful of boats that had started at the leeward end of the line got a bit close to each other. Reuben Muir chased George with Bruce Watson following. Bruce got past to be 2nd.



Peter Rickerby led around the first mark (above) in **race 2**, followed by Kjeld Parkin. I think that some of these Readysets need distinctive



markings to ensure the sailors are controlling the correct boat. At the next mark Simon Adamson joined these two with a bit of pushing which left Kjeld stuck on the mark (left). Bruce soon caught these

and then George took the lead on the long windward to Bridge Yellow but Laurie Glover was close to the far shore and caught a breeze to get to the mark ahead and he held this on the long downwind for a while but George and Bruce went past and swapped lead through lap 2 while Terry O'Neill got past Laurie to take 3rd.

Race 3 had George take the lead again and hold it to the finish, initially followed by Rick Royden and Laurie but Reuben caught them and Tom Clark came through for 3rd.

Race 4 was won by Bruce again. Simon had taken an early lead and held on for 2nd while George was 3rd.

Bruce, Reuben and George took **race 5**.

Brian Christensen led around the first mark in **race 6** chased closely by Peter. The B division were soon after them led by Rick initially but Tom caught him at Bridge Yellow. Brian still held a good sized lead into lap 2 chased by Tom and Wayne with 112, but Reuben was closing on those two. Tom passed Brian going to Bridge Yellow and Reuben passed him going to the next mark. Wayne closed and beat Brian right on the finish line by a couple of inches.

Bruce Watson was top boat today with a total of 6 points from three race wins, a second place and an assessed win. **George Stead** had two wins and an assessed win for a total of 8.

Reuben Muir was third with a score of 13. **Tom Clark** won one race.

Reuben still leads the series but Bruce has closed the gap.



Repairs to Prada 1

Number 1 has been taking on a lot of water the last couple of weeks. In spite of having wooden splints and epoxy reinforcing a split had developed in front of the keel. I cleaned some paint off and spread some '5 minute' epoxy over that



area. A patch of glass fibre was pressed down over this to hold it in position. When dry I added further coats of epoxy.

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Next Week(s):

July 19: Winter Series FINAL

July 26: Spring Series START

August 2: Aggregate Match Race Series 8

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