

Sailing 26 July 2020

Spring Series START

There was a good southwest breeze, but it was very cold. Eighteen members sailed the races today so a good sized start line was needed. The wind dropped at times so the course was shortened a couple of times and we still went over 4pm.



Race 1 start (above) had a couple of recalls for being over the line but Bruce Watson (right) was well away chased closely by John Macaulay. Things soon got tight at the first mark which was quite close to shore. Boats tacking at the path were on starboard and port tack boats were blocked and had to turn away. Bruce increased his lead while Reuben Muir recovered from having to restart to catch John and take 2nd.

Race 2 had Terry O'Neill take the lead but at the last mark of the first lap a bunch of boats were just behind and were charging at the mark. As Terry rounded he was struck from behind and caught leaving him trailing. Photo foot of page shows Terry far left while Simon Adamson leads away. I had managed to get into the leading group. George Stead (center) eventually took the win with John (on port) taking 2nd and Reuben (far shore left of center) getting 3rd.



Race 3 had a general recall at the start with several boats over the line. On the restart (above) I briefly took the lead. Laurie Glover led at the first mark but Bruce was close behind and eventually took another win. Neil Purcell and I had found a stream of wind on the far shore taking us straight to Bridge Yellow past boats becalmed on the path side and we fought for the places.

In **race 4** Wayne Carkeek and I were chasing Ian Power all the way around to the finish.



Race 5 was another win for Bruce followed by Reuben and George. Halfway through the race John's boat gave a load twang as its jib boom collapsed to the deck.



Race 6 soon had Tom Clark take the lead, here (above) leading Neil and Kjeld Parkin around Bridge Yellow. Tom went on to win while Kjeld held on to take 2nd and Wayne held off Reuben for 3rd.

Bruce Watson was top boat today from 3 race wins, an assessed win and a 4th totalling 8 points. **Reuben Muir** was next on 13 points. **Wayne Carkeek** was 3rd with 23 points. Other wins went to **George Stead, Ian Power** and **Tom Clark**.

State of the Pond

There is some weed now growing along the path towards the bridge. I'll bring some rakes next week so that some of it can be cleared out.

Remembering the Course

When I first started sailing RC boats I had to concentrate on controlling the boat and had little time to focus on the course or plan the leg. To counter this I had a paper chart on which I drew the course from the chart board and had this fixed to the transmitter.

I will photograph the chart and have this image available on the web site.



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Next Week(s):

August 2: Aggregate Match Race Series 8

August 9: Spring Series 2

August 16: Spring Series 3

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