

Sailing 6 December 2020

Aggregate Match Race Series START

Sixteen members were at the pond to start the match racing series. The day was sunny with some overcast. The wind was roughly south-west but swinging somewhat and generally a good breeze but it died away at times, especially at the top mark.

The course could be the longest possible with bridge yellow as the top mark. With 32 races to get through we had to keep 3 races on the course most of the time and we did finish around 4pm with most boats having a fleet race afterwards.



The draw used the final results of last year's series so it was George Stead and I up for the first race. I got away at the start and led (above) but at the top mark a wind shift had George take the lead and, while I was closing on him through the rest of the race, he took the win.



In the race between Wayne Carkeek and Mike Renner they were side by side on the downwind (photo left) but Wayne eased ahead on the windward and took the win.

Kjeld Parkin was back racing but his restricted mobility had him sailing from a single position: a chair on the picnic table. In his race



with David Williams they also kept it close (photo above). Distance from the top mark made it difficult to judge for Kjeld and David took the win.



The pre-start between Rick Royden and Tom Clark was the most active (photo left) with the two chasing each other far from the start line. In the race they kept it close all the way around with Rick luffing Tom towards the far shore on the downwind (photo below).



It was Rick that took the win.



Rick also had a very close race with Wayne (above) Rick got away at the top mark lap 2 in light wind (below). Wayne closed but Rick won.



Rick Royden was the only one to win all four races. Mike Renner, Andy Spierer, George Stead, Tom Clark and I won 3.

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Next Week(s):

December 13: Summer Series 5

December 20: Summer Series 6

December 27: Xmas Break

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