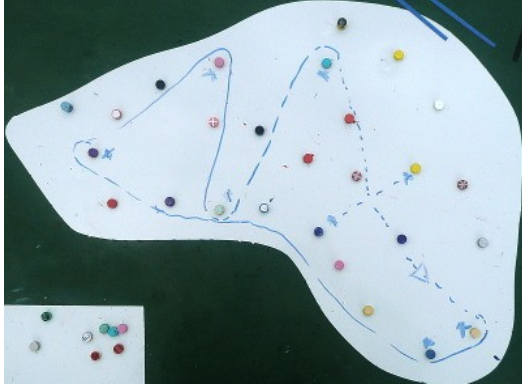


Sailing 8 November 2020

Summer Series START

There was heavy rain and lightning overnight which brought the pond up over the path in places. A heavy shower in the morning drove park visitors away so there was plenty of parking spaces available.



With the wind westerly, tending south-west, Laurie Glover set a relatively simple course.

Nine members were at the pond for racing, with a couple of others spectating. I had planned on using 101 for this series and it was sailing well before 2pm but as soon as the call for a race start the sail servo failed so I had to fetch Prada number 1.



In **race 1** I was in the leading group around the first two marks (above). In lap 2 going to these



marks I went to the far side and was well in the lead around these (above) but the wind died for me and Reuben Muir and Rick Royden were catching up. Going to the final mark Reuben was ahead but he tacked around it which had been the best move on lap 1. This lap though it was not so good and I caught a shift to take the win, my first for several months.



Race 2 had Mike Renner lead around the first two marks (above) but Ian Power was on his tail and he took the lead on the downwind and caught a wind that took him way out in front to take an easy win. I worked my way through to be just behind Rick Royden at the finish.



Ian and Rick took the lead from the start (above) and the win and second again in **race 3**, this time with Laurie Glover (green boat) third.

In **race 4** a group of Mike, Laurie, Rick and Ian got away while the wind died behind for the rest of the fleet. This time Rick took the win with Ian 2nd. Reuben and I chased hard with Reuben 3rd.



A number of collisions in **race 5** (above) allowed George Stead and I to race ahead to take the win and 2nd while Ian and Rick fought for 3rd.

In the final, divisional start, **race 6** the initial starters held the edge with Ian winning, Laurie 2nd and only Reuben able to catch up for 3rd.

Ian Power was top boat from 3 wins and 8 points. Rick Royden second with 12 points from one win. I was third with one win and 16 points.

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Next Week(s):

November 15: Summer Series 2

November 22: Summer Series 3

November 29: Summer Series 4

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