

Sailing 29 November 2020

Summer Series 4

There was rain around 1pm which drove us to take shelter at the clubhouse. Afterwards, the wind was swinging from north-west to almost south-west. A course was set with the start at the north end of the pond giving a long reach to the 'white' in the far corner from which a zigzag of a couple of windward legs took us to 'tree blue' for the long downwind back to the north end.



Race 1 had Reuben Muir and George Stead take the lead closely followed by John Macaulay and Simon Adamson (above). Tom Clark and I were a few lengths behind this group. By the finish Tom had passed George to be 2nd and Simon had passed John.



In **race 2** Brian Christensen led around the first mark (above) and then raced away to a good sized lead, up to half the pond at one point. George broke away from the fleet and chased Brian to get 2nd. The next group was Alan Smith, Rick Royden and Bruce Watson with Rick getting past to be 3rd.

Race 3 had Bruce Watson take a large lead going into the long downwind and race away into lap 2. The group following of George, John, Reuben, Tom and Rick (photo below) changed positions through the rest of the race until Reuben and Rick took the places.



Race 4 had David Williams and Mike Renner lead around the first lap. Going to the 'white' in lap 2 they still led with Laurie Glover chasing some way back (above). Reuben eventually passed Laurie to be 3rd.



Race 5 had me lead at the first mark and regain this at the next (above) to get away to a large lead on the downwind while the wind died around 'tree blue' leaving the fleet nearly becalmed. Reuben caught up in lap 2 and while I led around the final mark he narrowly took the win by a few inches. George third.

Laurie won the **final race** with Bruce passing Alan Smith to take the places.

Bruce Watson with one win and **Reuben Muir** with two wins were equal top boat today each with 13 points. **George Stead** was 3rd with 20 points. Other wins went to **Brian Christensen**, **David Williams** and **Laurie Glover**.

A good turnout of 15 racing given the weather.

State of the pond

On Friday there was a lot of floating weed along the path which, apparently, had come from the other pond. Today Rick Royden brought along a grapnel which he could throw out to reach clumps of weed too far for the rakes to reach. There wasn't much and most of it was dead. Some boats caught a small amount during racing.

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Next Week(s):

December 6: Aggregate Match Race Series 1

December 13: Summer Series 5

December 20: Summer Series 6

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