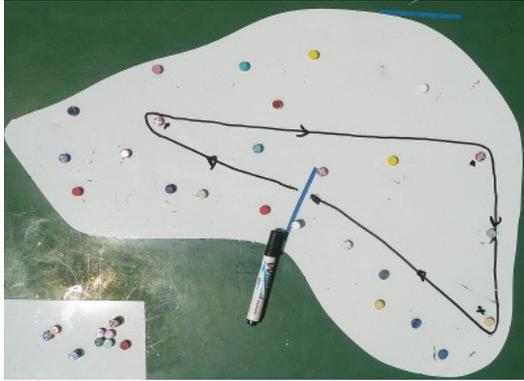


Sailing 21 February 2021

Autumn Series 2

Earlier the wind had been quite light from the north-east but it increased to a nice breeze by the time for racing. The consensus was that we wanted to get away early so a simple course was set. It was also necessary to keep the course away from the path due to weed.



Breaks between races were also kept short. We got through the races by 3:15 so that we could be home in time for the Prada Cup finals.

Race 1 had John Macaulay lead from the start to the win. Alan Smith and Kjeld Parkin took the places.



With short races it was expected that high handicap boats would have an advantage in the handicap races. In **race 2** Kjeld (far right) and Mike Renner led away (above) but I (right) got a good start and held onto a lift on starboard tack on the first leg to give chase. Going into lap 2 I had the lead but on the downwinds Laurie Glover and George Stead were breathing down my stern. Going around Bridge Yellow I avoided a port tack boat but those close behind collided which gave me a clear run to a win and allowed Kjeld and Mike to get around this to take the places.

Next Week(s):

February 28: Autumn Series 3

March 7: Aggregate Match Race Series 4

March 14: Autumn Series 4

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Race 3 got away to a clean start (above) with Bruce Watson leading and George close on his stern. At one point Mike took the lead after a shift had him outpoint the leaders (below) but by the



finish George took the win with Bruce and Alan placing.



Andy Spierer won **race 4** with Kjeld and Ivan Fraser (photo left) placing.

Bruce won **race 5** with John and George placing.

Race 6 was won by Kjeld with Laurie and Daniel Leech placing.

Kjeld Parkin was top boat today with one win and 12 points. **John Macaulay** was one point behind also with one win. **George Stead** had 18 points and one win. other wins went to **myself**, **Andy Spierer** and **Bruce Watson**.

State of the Pond



There is quite a bit of algae growth all along the path. I raked out around the launch area so at least we could launch and recover but clearing the keel of weed other than at that point was not possible. Rafts of weed drifted through the course during racing affecting many boats.

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