

Sailing 25 July 2021

Spring Series 1 - START

It didn't feel like Spring yet, the wind was quite cold. At least it didn't rain. The wind was northerly and shifty. mostly it was a good sailing breeze but it did increase for awhile as if a squall was about to bring rain.

In **race 1** two boats were recalled for being over the line. John Macaulay, Tom Clark and Alan Smith were the leading boats around the first mark. On the downwind John caught a gust and rushed off to a large lead. Wayne Carkeek and Rick Royden caught up to Tom and Alan and a group formed that stayed



close. On lap 2 there was some mayhem in this group around 'candy' as Tom was rolled over (above, right). The two boats on the left also collided around that mark. See [Wayne's Facebook page](#) for more photos. John won by a large margin, Wayne and Rick placing

Race 2 had Chris Yates and Mike Renner take the lead and they were still leading at the first mark in lap 2 but Rick was closing on them. Halfway through lap 2 Rick had grabbed the lead to win and Bruce Watson and Wayne took the places.



Rick led around the first mark in **race 3** while Bruce went to the far side so that he could approach the mark on starboard tack (above). Brian Christensen (right) passed the rest to be after Bruce and these two passed Rick to finish in that order. Two boats went ashore, John and Wayne collided and locked together for a short time.

Race 4 had Mike around the first mark well in the lead and rushing away. Tom and Chris were next and they left a large gap back to a group of eight boats. At the first mark in lap 2 Mike was still well in the lead but Tom had him in his sights. Mike held on to take the win while Bruce was third.

While the fleet rushed down the start line in **race 5** Bruce held back and made a great start at the far end to lead at the first mark chased by Tom and Alan Smith. John was soon catching the leaders. Tom took the lead as Bruce stalled but then Tom had to pass behind John as they tacked to 'blue'. On the final leg

Bruce was back in front while Tom led John for the placings.

Race 6 had Brian and Chris lead around the first lap. On the downwind they were still side by side and



clashed briefly which slowed Chris down. At 'blue' Bruce had passed them both (above). On the final leg Alan moved up to third place behind Brian.

Top boat today was **Bruce Watson** with three wins and a total of 8 points. **Wayne Carkeek** and **Rick Royden** were equal second on 18 points, Rick having won one race. Other wins went to **John Macaulay** and **Mike Renner**.

Loss of Control

John Macaulay lost control of his boat a couple of times. After a few seconds it came back under control so he could continue. This can be caused by the servos drawing too much current and the voltage then dropping below that required by the receiver. A few seconds later the voltage rises and the receiver reconnects. If rechargeable batteries are used then this may be fixed by going to 5 cells.

Other Boats In The Pond



This boat, fully assembled from a shop, was brought along by a family for its first sailing. It went back and forth a couple of times in the calmer end of the pond but then looked decidedly lower in the water until it went completely under. I had a boat hook with me at the time and could reach it before it went too deep to be seen. That it continued to sink beyond this point indicates that the hull-deck joint isn't even sealed, as it allowed the air in the bow to escape.

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Next Week(s):

August 1: Spring Series 2

August 8: Aggregate Match Race 8

August 15: Spring Series 3

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