

Sailing 13 June 2021

Winter Series 4

Showers were forecast for today and there were a couple of them. The wind was a quite light northerly which went even lighter as the showers came. Some match races were held before the series racing started.

We began with quite a long course using eight marks but this took too long so a couple of marks were cut out for the next race. As the wind got lighter more marks were cut and the final two races were around just four marks. Race 5 was made a single lap so that we had sufficient time for a two lap final race with its divisional start.

Around 20 members were at the pond though not all of them raced, 17 finished race 2. Chris Yates has bought a Seawind but was having trouble with the analogue radio gear giving range problems. Neil Purcell came to the pond for a while. Reuben Muir was teaching paragliding today but gave up as the wind died. He missed the first 3 races.

In **race 1** Tom Clark led around the first mark (photo at foot of page) and then increased his lead all the way to the win. Wayne Carkeek was running second until he briefly caught his keel on a mark, letting George Stead and John Macaulay take the places.

Race 2 had Rick Royden soon take the lead. A shower killed the wind for a while and a mark was cut out during the race.



Before **race 3** Kjeld launched his boat rather aggressively and the forestay broke when it landed (photo above). Patrica's boat was used to recover it, the keel caught in the rigging and it was towed to the path on the far side. Bruce Watson led around the first mark closely followed by Alan Smith and Wayne. Alan took the lead for a short time but Bruce took the win with Wayne and Rick placing.

Laurie Glover had been adjusting his boat trying to get it to sail faster and in **race 4** it worked as he led around the first lap. Back at the top mark, though, the wind died and John and Rick caught him with Reuben close. These four got away from the rest, Rick taking the win, John and Reuben placing.

Races 5 and 6 were won by Reuben with Kjeld placing 3rd in both. Rick and Ian Power being 2nd.

Rick Royden was top boat today with 14 points and two wins. **George Stead** was next on 19 points. **Tom Clark** third with one win and 23 points. **Wayne Carkeek** was one point more but still leads the series. Other wins went to **Bruce Watson** and **Reuben Muir** with two.

Match Race Cup 2020

George Stead will be off to England in a couple of weeks so it is necessary to get through the Match Race cup series soon. Today Bruce Watson and George had two races in this series.

After some close pre-start manoeuvring in the first, Bruce held George away from the line and led across the start. George seemed to tack on every adverse shift and fell behind giving Bruce an easy win.

In the second race George led across the start and at the top mark. On the downwind Bruce pulled alongside but George pulled away to hold the lead. Going to the finish they were bow to bow on converging tacks but Bruce was on port tack and had to tack away while George tacked to the line to take the win.

The two are still equal, now on 2 wins each.

Fraser and McCaw Cups

Between the two races above Wayne Carkeek and Alan Smith in the first race of the Fraser Cup and then Brian Christensen and Kjeld Parkin in the first race of the McCaw Cup.

Wayne was given 2 penalties in the pre-start but managed to pull one back before the start. Wayne led across the line but the penalty turn gave Alan the lead briefly. Wayne was back in the lead around the top mark and held that to take the win.

The wind was dying and Brian went too far from the line and very nearly missed the entry time. Kjeld led across the start and held the lead to take the win.

Calendar Change

July 4 and 11 will be swapped: the 4th will be Aggregate Match Race Series while 11th will be the Winter Series final.

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Next Week(s):

June 20: Winter Series 5

June 27: Winter Series 6

July 4: Aggregate Match Race 7

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