

Sailing 12 November 2023

Spring Series 1 - Start

It was a nice sunny day. The wind was southerly but was swinging from south-west to almost south-east and rising and falling.

Nine members turned out before the start of racing with Neil Purcell turning up later.



Initially in **race 1** the lead was held by Dave Larsen (above) but by the bottom mark Rick Royden was closing on him. In lap 2 Rick had taken the lead with Chris Yates hard on his tail. The finishing order was Rick, Chris, Daniel Leech.

Paul Nunnerley retired. Last week he had problems with his rudder having limited range and he took the whole system apart. It turned out that the transmitter has a knob that limits the servo range. In this race the grub screw came loose so he lost steering. When tightening this screw it is important to wiggle the rudder to ensure that the screw seats on the the flat.



Dave led away again in **race 2** (above), this time from a scratch start. Dave had a good sized lead on the downwind with Rick second and through the dog-leg and was still leading at the top mark in lap 2. Rick caught and passed him in the dog-leg and this held to the finish with Daniel getting third place again.



Rick measured and adjust Mike Renner's mainsail and then in **race 3** Mike took the lead at the first mark and then raced away (above). Mike was able to open up a large lead. While Tom Clark and Rick were able to close this up somewhat before the finish, Mike took the win.

Mike led at the first mark again in **race 4** but this time he stopped just a few lengths on the downwind and the whole fleet went past him. Daniel, Tom and Rick took the leading group and held this for most of the race to the finish but Rick dropped back. Daniel won, Tom took another second and Brian Christensen moved up to be third.

Race 5 had Rick take the lead at the first mark but he ran out of battery power and drifted to the path to retire. Chris Ward 's boat also failed and he waded out to recover it. Paul took the win with Tom second and Chris Yates third.



Brian took the early lead in **race 6**, with divisional start. with Dave just a few lengths behind (above). By the finish it was Dave that took the win with Rick, freshly powered by new batteries, working through the fleet to be second while Brian held on the be third.

Rick Royden was top boat today with two wins and 12 points. **Dave Larsen** was second with one win and 17 points. **Tom Clark** was third with 18 points and a string of second places. Other wins went to **Mike Renner**, **Daniel Leech** and **Paul Nunnerley**.

State of the Pond

There is weed around the edges of the pond which made recovery and launching difficult. There was also some weed drifting around which could catch in keels. The floating 'scut' that was at the north end last week had all disappeared so no children went into the water today.

Cleaning the pond

It has been suggested that on **26 November** between the Electron racing and us starting to race (**12:30 to 14:00**) there be a combined 'working bee' to clear the weed and clean the buoys.

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Next Week(s):

November 19: Summer Series 2
November 26: Summer Series 3 - working bee
December 3: Prize Giving - 1pm

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