

## Sailing August 2

### Aggregate Match Racing 8

A couple of small frontal systems went through before racing started with just a light shower and some gusty winds. A few scattered dark clouds did threaten but they only brought an increase in wind and left some blue sky behind.

The main issue was the wind direction. With it in the west, sometimes a little south, then swinging a little north, the course had to be set with the downwind mark in the far corner and the windward mark at the pink on the west limb of the pond. This only used the short arm.

Fortunately a pair of buoys on the far side were aligned OK for a start line and a wing mark was set so that races could be overlaped without too much interference. With a shorter windward distance allowed by the course an half lap was added with a downwind finish.

John Dowler had the best of the racing, winning all his races. Kevin Webb, Bruce Watson and Bill Monaghan each won 3 of their races.

Six of the nine race days count in this series giving 3 discards. However, we lost the June race day, so that effectively reduces this to 2 discards. Next month will have the first sunday as Father's Day so this will be a fun day. The final of the series will be October 4.

With just one more race day in the series Geoff McGill holds onto his lead with Neil Purcell and I just one point back and one more to Peter Andrews.

A couple of fleet races rounded off a good day's sailing that almost felt like spring was with us.



Neil's 6 crossing in front as Terry's A12 tacks.

### Other Items:

Our secretary Peter wants to remind members to stick to the frequency allocated and to contact him if a change is planned. If you move to a 2.4GHz system let Peter know so that their MHz crystals can be allocated to a new member. We have almost a full house. He also would like those members with more than one boat to use one frequency and release the other to pass on to a new member.

### State of the Pond:

The SG is still around 1.006 which is expected given the rainfall. The dead algal weed that we did have this year is starting to gasify and float up, but it is not affecting sailing. What did have an effect, especially on Geoff, was leaves and pine needles.

### Web Site update:

The NSTA of 30 July reported on the July 21 Community Board meeting at which the fate of the Soccer Clubrooms was discussed. A scan of this is on the website in the Onepoto 'In the News' section.

### Next Week:

### Winter Series resumes with round 4.

In fact each week for the rest of the month is Winter Series. Four round in four weeks will complete the series.

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Ivan's 84 leads Kevin's 30 around the wing mark.