

## Sailing March 8

### Summer Series 5

Ten members sailed the fifth race day of the series in a westerly with a good strength.

Geoff McGill contrived a complicated course that zig-zagged over the whole pond and had three windward legs in slightly different directions so that it catered for the wind swinging between west and south west, which it did.

Brian Bassett has had his knee operated on and so needed to only do gentle exercise on it. He didn't bring his boat and helped monitor the results and refereed the divisional race.

Kevin Whitehead hasn't lost his touch and won the first two races, taking the best score for the day with 11. Peter Andrews was just one point behind with one win and some seconds. This take him to second position in the overall series results, just 2 points behind the leader.

Kevin Webb won the final race, finishing 3 legs ahead of the next boat, and took third score for the day with 15. Geoff McGill won a race and was just one point behind Kevin for the day, this moving him up to third in the series results. Harry also featured in the race winners list with the fifth race.

The racing was often very close with groups of boats finishing just a few seconds apart. So close that a small gain on a shift could change the position several places, and a small mistake could drop one back 3 or 4 places.

Several visitors to the pond sailed the club boat, and mine, though the wind probably shifted and gusted somewhat too much for beginners.



Kevin Whitehead had best score of the day.

### State of the Pond:

The SG is now down to 1.006 from the rain. There was some weed around, enough to annoy and occasionally put boats out of the race. Mostly it was just a few light strands but some clumps were found.

### Web Site updates:

A list of freeware PDF readers is provided, you may like to try some.



Kevin Webb and Geoff McGill looking very determined.

### Next Week:

The Summer Series continues next Sunday.

There are 2 race days in the series. Quite a few boats have good scores that put them in contention. The next two race days could be closely fought.

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