

Sailing May 24

2008 Match Racing Cup.

With Ivan and Bruce at the pond, a good breeze and the wind from the south / south-west enabling a good match racing course along the long axis, we could start another race in the 2008 Match Race Cup.

A good even start from the two boats had them side by side and cross tacks up the first leg to the white-striped buoy. Closing to the buoy a wind shift as he tacked had Ivan stall and allowed Bruce to lead around by a good margin. Ivan was on starboard as Bruce had to cut across his bows getting onto the downwind leg but Bruce managed to escape the trap.

Then it was a matter of keeping cover and avoiding trouble as Bruce kept his lead and won the race.

This was Bruce's fifth win, completing the best of 9 series. Bruce Watson is winner the 2008 Match Race Cup and will defend this against the winner of the current Aggregate Match Race Series.

Congratulations to Bruce for winning this cup.

Autumn Series flight 4

A cold strong breeze was swinging between southerly and south-west so a figure 8 course gave two windward legs at different angles.

13 members turned out for the racing but the cold and some light rain drove some away so only half that number were in the last race.

The wind was decreasing with each race. As the rain came the wind died away and left dead patches.

Kevin Webb and Bill Monaghan had the best of the races, Kevin had one win but 2nd and 3rds gave him the day's best score of 10. Kevin got a 10 last week as well using 'Green Curry'. Bill taking two wins was second on the day score with 13. Peter Andrews was next with one win and 16, Geoff McGill also one win and one point behind. I was one more point behind with 18 after one win.

Overall positions have closed up considerably. While I hold my lead this is now only by 3 points from Kevin with Peter and Geoff close behind.

With 3 race days still to go there is plenty of time to get some good scores in this series.

Members:



Patrick O'Hanlon has bought Neil's previous 6 (Neil built yet another new one) and has joined the club. His boat will be numbered 51.

Photo:



Bruce and Ivan in a gust on the first leg of the Match Race Cup.

State of the Pond:

Some weed was floating around, hopefully this is because it is dying and breaking up.

Next Week:

Queen's Birthday weekend, so a fun day sailing. Also Model-X at Henderson Recreation Centre. Previously I had wrongly said Akoranga.

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