

IOM GP 3 Report
Hosted by Koonawarra Bay Sailing Club

This event was sailed at the Koonawarra Bay Sailing Club on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th May 2017.

The weather including the wind was perfect both days, even though the Willyweather forecast wasn't showing it, forecast was for strong Westerly winds on Sunday.

A windward/leeward course was set with only slight changes needed throughout the day on Saturday, 16 entrants sailed in near perfect conditions even though the wind was a relatively light easterly wind, 5-7 knots. 17 races were completed on the day.

Sunday the Westerly winds that were predicted didn't eventuate, we got a Northerly wind instead at about 7 knots for most of the day, this meant setting a course to the East of the club which gave the competitors a perfect view of the race area from the elevated headland, this is probably the best view of a course in NSW, some competitors didn't even move from the one spot for the whole race.



The wind kept swinging, keeping Jon Pinkerton busy continually adjusting the course to give the sailors the best course as possible. The last race before the lunch break was cancelled as a large wind change started to come through which would have necessitated relocating the course, during the break the wind settled back in the where it was before lunch. Weed was present as the wind was coming from the shallow end of the bay where the weed grows but it was being very fair and attached itself to 2 strands (okay some times a couple more) at a time to every boat at some stage.

The last race of the day was started at 2:50 with some discussion as to whether we should but there was no consensus to not sail, all competitors got onto the water and they managed to sail about the half the race before the wind died completely and it was abandoned after the time limit, the boats at the lead at the time were coming up with a number of novel ways to get me to record a result.

Overall the competitors are to be congratulated on the sportsman like manner that they sailed, even though there were a number of infringements people did their turns with only minor discussion as to who was at fault. The starts were all very good with a number of individual recalls through out the day and one general recall even though we thought there would be more as the starts were very intense and close, that last second always seems to take longer than the others. No one had it all their own way, as the first places were spread between most of the boats, all but the last 2 place getters scoring a first place, interestingly the second place getter, Wayne only had 1 first place and Owen had 2 more than the winner, shows that consistency is just as important as first places, unless you consistently get first places!





Final placing were



1st Scott Fleming, PLRMYC, Britpop! 120 points.



2nd Wayne Keavy, KBRYC, V10, 128 points



3rd Owen Jarvis, KBRYC, Britpop! 130 points

See full results on Web site.

Thanks to the KoBSC team for making this a successful event, Brian Jackson for feeding the sailors, Jon Pinkerton for response boat and course change duties, Ralph Skea for scoring together with Dave Morison and Martin Norfolk acting as observers, especially at the starts and finishes which were very tight at times.

And to all who assisted with the installation and removal of the “jetty”.



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