

## Sedgemoor Model Boat Club

### Fast Electric Wednesday Night Series 2019

#### Mini Mono RTR

#### Round 1 - 17th April

Boat	Name	Race 1				Race 2				Race 3				Total laps	Total points
		Laps	Time	Place	Points	Laps	Time	Place	Points	Laps	Time	Place	Points		
3	Chris Locke	20	21	1	21	20	14	1	21	17	12	6	13	57	55
1	Russ Chilcott	19	32	4	15	19	28	3	16	21	13	1	21	59	52
13	Tom Lincoln	19	14	3	16	3	0	10	9	20	22	2	18	42	43
15	Mark Sutton	9	10	11	8	20	28	2	18	19	8	3	16	48	42
12	Richard Lincoln	18	33	6	13	18	8	4	15	18	7	5	14	54	42
2	Dave Lowther	17	0	7	12	17	1	5	14	19	10	4	15	53	41
9	Bob Bryant	18	10	5	14	16	3	6	13	17	16	7	12	51	39
8	Arley Bushill	14	23	8	11	11	20	8	11	14	14	10	9	39	31
5	Nigel Clarke	12	36	9	10	13	23	7	12	5	22	11	8	30	30
7	Richard Harris	19	2	2	18	DSQ		0	0	16	18	8	11	35	29
14	Steve Cole	6	0	12	7	10	20	9	10	15	8	9	10	31	27
10	Ian Bayliss	10	42	10	9	RTD		0	0	RTD		0	0	10	9

We had a good entry of 12 boats for the opening round of the Weds night series. As 8 drivers were ready to go we started slightly early and ran 2 of the 3 heats before our normal 7pm start time. This allowed us to squeeze in 3 races on the night.

The evenings races soon developed into the usual pattern with the odd loud thump as a boat hit a marker, one or two taking an "unusual" racing line around the course, a visit into the reeds (and somehow back out again!) and a near miss of the no fishing post – FE racing at Sedgemoor is always entertaining!

**Race 1** - Chris had the perfect start winning the race with a decent 20 lap score. Clocking 19 laps Richard H took 2<sup>nd</sup> place just 12 seconds ahead of "young" Tom who was just 18 secs ahead of me!

**Race 2** – I had a nightmare start as my boat moved a few feet away and then stopped dead! Having been called as a "Dead Boat" Richard H ran straight over it and was promptly disqualified. Unfortunately for him standing up the ramp for a better view of the far markers meant he couldn't see my boat close to the ramp past the other drivers. His bad luck was my massive good fortune as the hard knock somehow sprung my boat to life! Chris went on to win the race with another 20 lap score. Despite having not raced an FE boat at all for more than a year Mark S drove very well to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place and was only 14 secs behind. I could not believe my luck as I took 3<sup>rd</sup> place with another 19 lap score.

**Race 3** – with one boat RTD (after hitting No2 marker slightly too hard!) and the light fading fast we decided to run two heats of 5 and 6 boats for the nights final race. It seems the drivers had found their racing groove as the races were pretty much incident free, though Nigel's choice of prop meant his Little Pepper boat was hopping around the lake like "Skippy the bush kangaroo"!

Tom actually finished ahead of me and could have won this race clocking an impressive 21L, 2s with his Vector 48 boat to my Mono X score of 21L,13s. But Tom had missed 3 markers during the race, the penalty for this is minus 1 lap and plus 20 secs so with the penalties applied he dropped to 2<sup>nd</sup> place (still very impressive) and handed me the race win. Obviously I was very gracious in my moment of victory! Mark rounded off his good night taking 3<sup>rd</sup> spot.

**Overall points table**

No	Name	17th April			8th May			29th May			19th June			10th July			31st July			21st Aug			Score
		1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	
3	Chris Locke	21	21	13																		55	
1	Russ Chilcott	15	16	21																		52	
13	Tom Lincoln	16	9	18																		43	
15	Mark Sutton	8	18	16																		42	
12	Richard Lincoln	13	15	14																		42	
2	Dave Lowther	12	14	15																		41	
9	Bob Bryant	14	13	12																		39	
8	Arley Bushill	11	11	9																		31	
5	Nigel Clarke	10	12	8																		30	
7	Richard Harris	18	0	11																		29	
14	Steve Cole	7	10	10																		27	
10	Ian Bayliss	9	0	0																		9	
4	Malcolm Franks	0	0	0																		0	
6	Daron Maynard	0	0	0																		0	
11	Dave Behennah	0	0	0																		0	

The discard system is as follows; 1 to 3 races = 0 (no discards), 4 to 7 races = 1 discard, 8 to 11 = 2, 12 to 15 = 3, 16 to 19 = 4, 20 and over races = 5 discards