

# Sedgemoor Model Boat Club - Fast Electric Winter Series 2019/20

## Round 3 - 12th January 2020

### Mini Mono RTR

Boat	Name	Race 1				Race 2				Total laps	Total points
		Laps	Time	Place	Points	Laps	Time	Place	Points		
17	Kevin Roberts	17	16	4	15	19	14	1	21	36	36
1	Russ Chilcott	18	9	2	18	18	20	2	18	36	36
2	Dave Lowther	19	9	1	21	8	0	7	12	27	33
3	Chris Locke	18	12	3	16	18	39	4	15	36	31
7	Richard Harris	17	18	=5	14	18	31	3	16	35	30
9	Bob Bryant	17	18	=5	14	17	22	6	13	34	27
16	Mark Shipman	17	28	7	12	17	19	5	14	34	26
15	Mark Sutton	12	0	8	11	7	0	8	11	19	22

### Overall points table

No	Name	3 Nov		1 Dec		5 Jan		9 Feb		8 Mar		Score	Dis 1	Total
		1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2			
1	Russ Chilcott	21	16	21	21	18	18					115	16	99
2	Dave Lowther	18	21	14	11	21	12					97	11	86
17	Kevin Roberts	12	12	16	18	15	21					94	12	82
16	Mark Shipman	18	15	18	15	12	14					92	12	80
3	Chris Locke	15	18	15	16	16	15					95	15	80
7	Richard Harris	14	14	13	14	14	16					85	13	72
9	Bob Bryant	13	13	12	13	14	13					78	12	66
10	Ian Bayliss	11	11	11	12	0	0					45	0	45

Discard system; 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 = 5

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Before we got started all the drivers plus a couple of members along for the free sail held a minutes silence in memory of our good friend Malcolm.

For every round so far this series we have had very good race conditions and this one was no exception. There was a brisk westerly wind, no rain and at times the sun came out which showed the boats up very nicely. It was a pretty cold but then it is mid-winter.

..and again we had another round with no one getting “stick it in a buoy” though a few hydro’s bounced off and over them a couple of times, some with more damage than others!

### **Mini Mono RTR**

8 boats (2 heats of 4)

We started all races using the new line-up as tried at the previous round and already the drivers are getting the hang of it. Getting off to a decent start is getting more important now as the field overall is really closing up! The wind and choppy water across the back straight was especially tricky for the Mono X boats, going flat out often caused them to spin but slowing too much and you’d lose a place.

I thought I had won Race 1 with a 18L, 9s score but had to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup> when Dave racing in heat 2 beat me by a full lap clocking a 19L, 9s. Chris took 3<sup>rd</sup> spot, a missed buoy and 10 sec penalty cost him a place.

Race 2 belonged to Kevin who drove his Vector nicely to a 19L, 14s winning score. I was 2<sup>nd</sup> once again pushing too hard and spinning out. Richard took 3<sup>rd</sup> place 18L, 31 just 8 secs ahead of Chris.

The choppy water meant lots of air on the prop so most made the 5 min run time. Putting the winners and breakdowns to one side there was just 1 lap from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> in Race 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in Race 2 – now that’s close!

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2	Russ Chilcott	23	10	1	21	23	18	1	21	46	42
5	Kevin Roberts	19	7	3	16	20	24	2	18	39	34
3	Bob Bryant	21	7	2	18	5	0	6	13	26	31
4	Dave Lowther	1	0	5	14	14	22	4	15	15	29
6	Mark Sutton	11	0	4	15	13	0	5	14	24	29
1	Chris Locke	0	0	0	0	15	7	3	16	15	16

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2	Russ Chilcott	18	16	18	0	21	21					94	0	94
1	Chris Locke	16	21	16	18	0	16					87	0	87
5	Kevin Roberts	15	18	15	16	16	18					98	15	83
4	Dave Lowther	14	0	14	0	14	15					57	0	57
6	Mark Sutton	0	0	0	0	15	14					29	0	29

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6 boats (2 heats of 3)

Sometimes you know it's not going to be your day – that was true for Chris and Mark (Sutton) with their hydro's at this one!

The first race and Chris judged the start mill time perfectly, crossed the line going flat out and raced off into the lead only to then smack it into the No1 buoy, capsize and removed a sponsor! Having not done a single lap he scores zero place and zero points for his efforts!

In heat 2 Mark waited until his 11<sup>th</sup> lap before doing the same, but he managed to continue on for a few laps running on one sponsor!

**Race 1** - All the recent "testing" paid off for me and Kevin. I have finally got Arley's old boat going nicely (thanks also to Chris for that) and won Race 1 (23L, 10s) with Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> (21L, 7s) and Kevin doing the run time easily picking up 3<sup>rd</sup> (19L, 7s).

**Race 2** - despite being goaded into cutting a little too close to a buoy and bouncing off it on my final lap I still managed to win this race also with a 23L, 18s score. Kevin borrowed a slightly bigger prop and it went faster but didn't quite make the race time though his 20L, 24s was enough for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. I think some more testing is coming up. We started the race with Bob close behind both boats for the first 5 laps but sadly his flipped over and he was out.

Chris had a loose shaft (which somehow fixed itself) then had to come in again to remove leaves from his rudder but still nicked 3<sup>rd</sup> place with just 15 laps.

During the same race Mark had suddenly stopped and was immediately hit from behind by Chris's boat going really fast catapulting Marks number plate into the air! Somehow neither of their boats sustained serious damage, but it did sum up their hydro racing at this round!