

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

Round 5 - 8th March 2020

Mini Mono RTR

Boat	Name	Race 1				Race 2				Total laps	Total points
		Laps	Time	Place	Points	Laps	Time	Place	Points		
1	Russ Chilcott	17	46	2	18	17	2	1	21	34	39
2	Dave Lowther	16	18	4	15	17	15	2	18	33	33
3	Chris Locke	18	9	1	21	10	10	=7	12	28	33
16	Mark Shipman	16	13	3	16	15	24	4	15	31	31
17	Kevin Roberts	15	22	5	14	16	19	3	16	31	30
9	Bob Bryant	14	42	8	11	14	1	5	14	28	25
10	Ian Bayliss	14	17	7	12	13	5	6	13	27	25
7	Richard Harris	15	36	6	13	10	10	=7	12	25	25

FINAL overall points table

Place	Name	3 Nov		1 Dec		5 Jan		9 Feb		8 Mar		Score	Dis 1	Dis 2	Total
		1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2				
1	Russ Chilcott	21	16	21	21	18	18	21	21	18	21	196	16	18	162
2	Dave Lowther	18	21	14	11	21	12	16	15	15	18	161	11	12	138
3	Kevin Roberts	12	12	16	18	15	21	15	18	14	16	157	12	12	133
4	Chris Locke	15	18	15	16	16	15	12	16	21	12	156	12	12	132
5	Mark Shipman	18	15	18	15	12	14	18	14	16	15	155	12	14	129
6	Richard Harris	14	14	13	14	14	16	0	0	13	12	110	0	0	110
7	Bob Bryant	13	13	12	13	14	13	14	13	11	14	130	11	12	107
8	Ian Bayliss	11	11	11	12	0	0	13	12	12	13	95	0	0	95
9	Mark Sutton	0	0	0	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	22

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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This was the 5th and final round of the Winter Series and the conditions were pretty much identical to the previous round with strong and gusting westerly winds making the far side of the course very choppy. The first turn around the top left marker was especially tricky and you could easily find yourself half a lap down by the time you'd sorted out which way your boat was facing!

At least it stayed dry all afternoon and it was not too cold. It's that time of year so the ducks were less than corporative and our offer of food was not half as interesting to them as the chance to "make friends"! Unfortunately, the choppy conditions combined with the constant need to avoid a randy duck or two made some of the races a bit of a lottery.

Mini Mono RTR

8 boats (2 heats of 4)

Race 1; Chris was one of the guys who got away to good clean start and first lap which he maintained for the full 5 mins, his heat score of 18 laps made him the clear winner. I took 2nd place on 17 laps with Mark (Shipman) in 3rd spot scoring 16L, 13s just 5 seconds ahead of Dave.

Race 2; After such a good start Chris had radio problems in his second race which stopped his boat several times around the course, he ended up finishing in joint 7th and last place! I won this one with another 17 lapper, Dave was only 13 seconds back (17L, 15s), with Kevin taking 3rd place (16L, 19s)

Overall series

I had already won the series and finished with a total score of 162 points. Dave's 4th and 2nd places at this round meant he keeps his 2nd place scoring 138. Only 4 points separated 3rd to 5th place, Kevin took the honours racing in his first ever winter series he will be very happy with his 3rd place/133 points tally. Chris finishes in 4th (132) with Mark Shipman in 5th on 129.

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2	Russ Chilcott	21	7	1	21	21	5	1	21	42	42
1	Chris Locke	19	6	2	18	2	0	4	15	21	33
5	Kevin Roberts	3	0	4	15	10	0	2	18	13	33
3	Bob Bryant	11	0	3	16	9	0	3	16	20	32
4	Dave Lowther	2	10	5	14	1	0	5	14	3	28

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2	Bob Bryant	21	15	21	21	18	13	21	15	16	16	177	13	15	149
3	Chris Locke	16	21	16	18	0	16	18	18	18	15	156	0	15	141
4	Kevin Roberts	15	18	15	16	16	18	14	0	15	18	145	0	14	131
5	Dave Lowther	14	0	14	0	14	15	16	16	14	14	117	0	0	117
6	Mark Sutton	0	0	0	0	15	14	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	29

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5 boats (heats of 2 & 3)

Sadly, the very choppy waters (plus the odd duck) robbed us of what would have been some great racing. It was a great shame as 4 of the boats including Kevin's brand new Mk3 model look to be very well matched but the conditions didn't give them a chance to show it. In the end my fairly heavy and large boat (compared to others) seemed to have the advantage and could handle the chop slightly better.

Race 1; I won it with a 21 lap score with Chris in 2nd on 19 laps, Bob managed just 11 before flipping over but it was enough for 3rd place. Kevin did the same on lap 3 while Dave RTD on lap 2.

Race 2; Bob and me raced in the same heat as it would decide which of us would win the overall series. Having flipped over in the previous race Bob was being especially careful not to do it again, which meant I was able to lap him several times in the first few minutes. On his 9th lap when we were both crawling along the back straight we "tripped-over" each other, unfortunately for Bob his boat was left capsized and he was out. I got lucky as it stayed the right way up so was able to continue on and win the race, and with it the series. It was a bit of an anti-climax but it was nobody's fault just one of those things not help by the very choppy waters.

Overall series; I have won the series on 157 points, with Bob 2nd (149), Chris has had a run of bad luck and has to settle for 3rd place (141). Kevin will be pleased with 4th place and a good 131 point score having only just taken up hydro building/racing/ sinking! Dave (117) has yet to get his boat really going and Mark (Sutton) could only attend 1 round this series so his score does reflect his boats true performance.

Russ