

Sedgemoor Model Boat Club - Fast Electric Winter Series 2017/18

Round 5 - 11th March 2018

Club Class

Boat	Name	Race 1				Race 2				Total laps	Total points
		Laps	Time	Place	Points	Laps	Time	Place	Points		
2	Chris Locke	15	2	4	15	16	11	1	21	31	36
7	Dave Lowther	17	10	1	21	15	12	5	14	32	35
1	Russ Chilcott	17	21	2	18	15	0	=3	16	32	34
12	Ian Roberts	15	0	3	16	15	0	=3	16	30	32
8	Richard Harris	15	31	6	13	15	18	6	13	30	26
0	Arley Bushill	15	20	5	14	8	20	8	11	23	25
6	Bob Bryant	13	25	7	12	13	15	7	12	26	24
3	Malcolm Franks	DNS	0	0	0	16	26	2	18	16	18
4	Mark Sutton									0	0
5	Daron Maynard									0	0

Overall points table

No	Name	19 Nov		17 Dec		14 Jan		11 Feb		11 Mar		Score	Dis 1	Dis 2	Total
		1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2				
7	Dave Lowther	18	21	15	18	21	14	16	21	21	14	179	14	14	151
1	Russ Chilcott	16	16	21	21	15	21	18	18	18	16	180	15	16	149
2	Chris Locke	21	18	12	14	18	16	0	0	15	21	135	0	0	135
3	Malcolm Franks	13	12	18	16	16	18	15	16	0	18	142	0	12	130
6	Bob Bryant	14	13	14	13	12	15	13	12	12	12	130	12	12	106
8	Richard Harris	0	0	13	12	13	12	14	15	13	13	105	0	0	105
0	Arley Bushill	11	0	11	11	10	13	0	13	14	11	94	0	0	94
12	Ian Roberts	0	0	0	0	14	0	21	14	16	16	81	0	0	81
5	Daron Maynard	15	14	15	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	62
4	Mark Sutton	12	15	0	0	11	12	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	50

Discards system; Races 1 to 3 = 0 discards, 4 to 7 = 1 discard, 8 to 11 = 2 discards

It was mostly dry with a fairly strong breeze for the 5th and final round of the Winter Series. The Mini Hydro class series was already wrapped by Bob at the previous round but Club Class had all to play for with Dave and Russ tied for first place overall, while Malcolm and Chris were tied for 3rd place.

Because there was a buoy out in lake marking a shopping trolley we had a slightly flatter/wider course than usual to avoid running into it!

Club Class

Race 1 - Dave and Russ were in close formation for almost the entire race and swapped places several times, they crossed the line just 1 second apart, but Russ had a 10 second "missed buoy" penalty so he ended up 11 seconds behind Dave. Ian was the best of the rest as he headed a field of 4 drivers all clocking 15 laps but separated only by 31 seconds! Dave's race win earned him the maximum 21 points so he had pulled out a 3 point lead in the series.

Race 2 - This time Russ got away early and managed to lap Dave, Chris and Ian. Things were looking good for a heat race win until the last 20 seconds when his boat suddenly stopped - his cells were dead! Ian went on another lap before he also stopped with flat cells. In the last few seconds Chris and Dave both managed to unlapped themselves. Chris went on to win the heat and as it turned out Race 2.

In the second heat Malcolm found his way after a slow start and won the race but it was not quite enough to catch Chris. Once again there were 4 drivers on 15 laps this time all separated by 18 secs!

Overall series - In the end it was very close for 1st, 3rd and 5th places in the overall series. Dave won it by just 2 points with a total of 151 points to Russ's 149. While Chris took 3rd place (135) ahead of Malcolm (130) by 5, and Bob (106) nicked 5th ahead of Richard (105) by just 1 point!

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2	Malcolm Franks	20	6	1	21					20	21
3	Bob Bryant	19	3	2	18					19	18
8	Russ Chilcott	18	0	3	16	rain stopped play!!				18	16
1	Chris Locke	17	20	4	15					17	15
7	Arley Bushill	13	26	5	14					13	14
5	Dave Lowther	5	26	6	13					5	13
4	Daron Maynard									0	0
6	Mark Sutton									0	0

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3	Bob Bryant	21	18	16	18	21	21	18	18	18		169	16	18	135
2	Malcolm Franks	14	13	18	16	14	15	21	21	21		153	13	14	126
8	Russ Chilcott	15	15	21	14	18	18	16	0	16		133	0	14	119
5	Dave Lowther	16	16	13	15	16	16	15	0	13		120	0	13	107
1	Chris Locke	18	21	12	21	0	14	0	0	15		101	0	0	101
7	Arley Bushill	0	0	14	0	13	0	14	0	14		55	0	0	55
4	Daron Maynard	0	14	13	15	0	0	0	0	0		42	0	0	42
6	Mark Sutton	13	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0		28	0	0	28

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Mini Hydro

The first heat race was one of the best of the series. Russ got away very well and took an early lead, but when he came up to lap Malcolm for a second time Malcolm had found his racing line as was giving an inch! They lapped several times with nothing much between them while Bob did his usual mid-race "throttle up" and started to catch them both. It looked set for a 3 way tussle but with a minute to go Russ's boat stopped on the back straight. Malcolm went on to win the race scoring an impressive 21 laps, ahead of Bob on 19.

Heat 2 belonged to Chris but his 17 laps score was not enough to trouble the first 3 in the heat 1. Arley was not far off the pace but a few too many missed buoys lead to several laps being deducted!

At least no one managed to stuff a boat into any of the markers – that must be a first for Hydro or Club Class racing – ever!

As the rain started to come down heavily it was agreed to abandon Race 2.

Overall series - Bob had the series tied up already but Malcolm's 3 wins in a row closed the gap slightly and also guaranteed him runners-up spot. Russ took 3rd place, with Dave 4th and Chris 5th.

Russ