

Sedgemoor Model Boat Club

Fast Electric Wednesday Night Series 2018

Club Class

Round 1 - 11th 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		
1	Russ Chilcott	17	32	3	16	19	16	1	21					36	37
2	Chris Locke	18	9	1	21	18	15	3	16					36	37
4	Dave Lowther	17	12	2	18	18	20	4	15					35	33
6	Nigel Clarke	13	0	7	12	18	12	2	18					31	30
7	Richard Harris	15	11	4	15	14	17	7	12					29	27
8	Daron Maynard	14	0	6	13	16	9	6	13					30	26
5	Malcolm Franks	13	25	8	11	17	16	5	14					30	25
3	Bob Bryant	15	24	5	14	1	0	9	10					16	24
11	Arley Bushill	8	1	9	10	13	4	8	11					21	21
16	Dave Behennah	2	0	10	9	0	0	0	0					2	9
17	Ian Bayliss	DNS	0	0	0	RTD	0	0	0					0	0

For the opening round of the series we had a pretty cool evening, very overcast with almost no wind. The thick cloud cover meant we never had a great deal of light and after 2 races (4 heats) we agreed to quit while ahead and not to push our luck racing in the dark!

We had 11 entries altogether, but that soon dropped to 10 when Ian's rudder servo failed before he had a chance to race it for the very first time.

Race 1 - both heats enjoyed some really close racing but Chris with 18 lap score was the clear winner. A lap back Dave L nipped 2nd place from me by 20 seconds. Richard was the best of the rest scoring 15 laps he took 4th spot and promotion to heat 1 for his next race. Nigel was very unlucky in heat 2 as he led the field of 5 boats and looked certain to be on for a 17 or maybe an 18 Lapper until his boat nosedived with a minute to go. It stayed below the water stabbed into the clay bottom with the tell-tale circle on the surface being caused by the boat still running flat out! Finally with just seconds left it resurfaced with flat batteries - but at least it did resurface!

Race 2 - with a race run (almost) everyone seemed to find the groove and there was some very close racing from start to finish across both heats. I managed not to nosedive or spin around so much this time and won it with a 19 lap score. 2nd to 4th places were very close as all 3 clocked 18 laps and were separated by just 8 seconds! Nigel took it ahead of Chris by 3 secs while Dave had to settle for 4th just 5 secs further back.

Crash of the meeting - Arley's trip to the reeds in Race 1, Bob hitting a marker so hard it disconnected his Lipo pack are both worthy contenders, but the winner has to be Dave B. Having never raced an FE boat he was left to race around the course all by himself but managed to hit No3 marker dead centre on his very first lap and despite having reverse could not extract his boat!

Welcome to the World of FE racing Dave!

Russ