

# Sedgemoor Model Boat Club

## Fast Electric Winter Series 2018/19

### Round 4 - 27th January 2019

#### Club Class

Boat	Name	Race 1				Race 2				Total laps	Total points
		Laps	Time	Place	Points	Laps	Time	Place	Points		
4	Dave Lowther	12	16	1	21					12	21
1	Russ Chilcott	10	1	2	18					10	18
2	Chris Locke	10	11	3	16					10	16
3	Bob Bryant	8	10	4	15					8	15
18	Richard Lincoln	0	0	0	0					0	0
17	Ian Bayliss	0	0	0	0					0	0

#### Mini Hydro

Boat	Name	Race 1				Race 2				Total laps	Total points
		Laps	Time	Place	Points	Laps	Time	Place	Points		
3	Russ Chilcott	14	5	1	21					14	21
5	Chris Locke	12	10	2	18					12	18
1	Bob Bryant	2	10	3	16					2	16
4	Dave Lowther									0	0

It was very, very windy – and coming across from a north/north westerly direction – very cold! We soon discovered only when driving across the bottom of the course with the bank acting as a slight wind break could the boats be driven at anywhere close to their full speed. The entire rest of the course you had to make painfully slow process trying to keep it in a straight line!

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Heat 1 – from the start Dave set off at a “sensible” speed for the conditions and in the very choppy waters soon pulled away from Russ and Chris who were both giving it a little too much throttle and spending all their time diving, spinning or doing both! Dave went on to score 12 laps, not a good score in “normal” conditions but he was 2 laps ahead of Russ and Chris!

Heat 2 – Bob set off at a steady pace and took the early lead and like everyone struggled to keep it under control but was all by himself as on their first lap Ian and Richard L were both out! Ian lost his bearings and ended up in the far bank stuck in a tree! While Richard’s rudder linkage came apart before he could complete a single lap. Bob went on to score 8 laps.

With only a 12 lap score on a course we would normally expect to clock 20 - Dave wins Race 1! But he drove the best way you could in the very tricky conditions. Russ was 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chris just 10 seconds behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bob 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Mini Hydro**

There were just 3 entering - Chris, Russ and Bob. We all knew it was going to be “tricky” just to keep the things the right way up in the extremely choppy waters. Bob was running his old boat which doesn’t normally like to turn left, something he thought he’d fixed – but he hadn’t! In the strong wind it headed off to the right hand side and it took him quite a while just to get back to the course... then after just 2 laps it capsized! Chris and Russ had a couple of good laps, but spent most of their time going at less than half speed. It was pot luck who was going to flip over first, and on his 12<sup>th</sup> lap it was Chris that capsized and was out! Russ had flipped over twice and landed the right way up so was lucky to complete 14 laps and take the win.

Soon after with the wind showing no signs of abating everyone agreed it was just no fun continuing to race in the conditions. After much needed hot coffee, tea and soups we packed up.

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#### Overall points table

No	Name	4 Nov		2 Dec		30 Dec		27 Jan		24 Feb		24 Mar		Score	Dis	Total
		1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2			
1	Russ Chilcott	21	21	18	18	21	21	18						138	18	120
2	Chris Locke	16	16	21	21	18	21	16						129	16	113
3	Bob Bryant	15	14	15	16	15	15	15						105	14	91
7	Richard Harris	14	13	16	15	14	13	0						85	0	85
17	Ian Bayliss	13	15	14	14	13	14	0						83	0	83
4	Dave Lowther	18	18	0	0	18	16	21						91	0	91

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5	Chris Locke	18	21	21	21	18	21	18						138	18	120
3	Russ Chilcott	15	21	16	16	21	16	21						126	15	111
1	Bob Bryant	21	16	18	18	0	18	16						107	0	107
4	Dave Lowther	16	12	15	0	0	0	0						43	0	43

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

If a Winter Series meeting has to be cancelled for any reason it will be rescheduled for 2 weeks later.