

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

Round 4 - 9th February 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	18	24	1	21	20	38	1	21	38	42
17	Kevin Roberts	16	9	4	15	17	1	2	18	33	33
16	Mark Shipman	17	14	2	18	16	45	5	14	33	32
2	Dave Lowther	17	20	3	16	16	2	4	15	33	31
3	Chris Locke	6	0	7	12	17	2	3	16	23	28
9	Bob Bryant	14	45	5	14	15	10	6	13	29	27
10	Ian Bayliss	13	6	6	13	13	7	7	12	26	25

Overall points table

No	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			157	16	18	123
2	Dave Lowther	18	21	14	11	21	12	16	15			128	11	12	105
17	Kevin Roberts	12	12	16	18	15	21	15	18			127	12	12	103
16	Mark Shipman	18	15	18	15	12	14	18	14			124	12	14	98
3	Chris Locke	15	18	15	16	16	15	12	16			123	12	15	96
7	Richard Harris	14	14	13	14	14	16	0	0			85	0	0	85
9	Bob Bryant	13	13	12	13	14	13	14	13			105	12	13	80
10	Ian Bayliss	11	11	11	12	0	0	13	12			70	0	0	70

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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It was a bit windy for this round but it did just about stay dry for all the races. Unfortunately, Richard was away on holiday as this round was not planned and Mark (Sutton) was ill, so entries were slightly down.

With the course set out, the ducks “mostly” keeping clear and everyone ready the racing got underway just before 2pm. The wind was particularly strong across the back straight and everyone found it tricky to keep their boat in a straight line and avoid flipping over - no a big problem for a Mini Mono but it could and did prove to be fatal for a hydro boat!

Mini Mono RTR

7 boats (2 heats of 3 & 4)

The racing in both heats took on a similar pattern as boats soon discovered they must “cruise” along the back part of the course and then speed up around the near/sheltered side. This took a while to get right and was not made easier by the odd sudden gust – which usual came at just the wrong moment!

I managed better than most to keep it pointing the right way and won Race 1 clocking an 18 lapper, with Mark and Dave a lap behind but separated by just 6 seconds in Mark’s favour.

By the time we came back for the Race 2 heats the wind had dropped a little so most of the time we were able to push it a bit harder and the racing was a bit more enjoyable. I won this one also clocking a 20L, 38s. Kevin took 2nd place (17L, 1s) just 1 second ahead of Chris who had to settle for 3rd.

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2	Russ Chilcott	10	0	4	15	21	2	1	21	31	36
3	Bob Bryant	14	2	1	21	4	0	4	15	18	36
1	Chris Locke	14	23	2	18	18	0	2	18	32	36
4	Dave Lowther	13	0	3	16	16	13	3	16	29	32
5	Kevin Roberts	4	0	5	14	bottom of lake!				4	14

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3	Bob Bryant	21	15	21	21	18	13	21	15			145	13	15	117
2	Russ Chilcott	18	16	18	0	21	21	15	21			130	0	15	115
1	Chris Locke	16	21	16	18	0	16	18	18			123	0	16	107
5	Kevin Roberts	15	18	15	16	16	18	14	0			112	0	14	98
4	Dave Lowther	14	0	14	0	14	15	16	16			89	0	0	89
6	Mark Sutton	0	0	0	0	15	14	0	0			29	0	0	29

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5 boats

Previous results meant myself and Kevin raced in heat 1 and had to set the lap score – which as it turns out was not so great! On his 4th lap while on the choppy back side of the course Kevin's nice new hydro dived to the bottom but did not resurface! Then on my 10th lap I flipped over in a similar place and I was out, but at least I could get my boat back.

This left a rather easy target of just 11 laps or more for the 3 racing in heat 2 to beat – and they all did that! Bob won it scoring 14L, 2s, Chris had serious TX problems causing his boats rudder to move when it felt like it! This made his race very interesting but he still managed to clock 14L, 23s and took 2nd place ahead of Dave on 13L, 0s.

For Race 2 and with the choppy water down a bit we decided to race the 4 remaining boats together – and it was FUN! Not so much fun for Bob as his boat flipped out on just his 4th lap but Chris, Dave and I enjoyed some good close racing. I won this one scoring 21L, 2s, with Chris 2nd on 18L, 0s and Dave 3rd (16L, 13s)

At the end using the rescue boat and our giant rake Chris tried in vain to recover Kevin's hydro. We plan to have another go after Wednesday's Club 500 racing but recovering a 500mm long object 2M down in Apex is never easy.

Russ