

MTMBC Fast Electric News, Results and Reports **Round 4 of the 2022 championships**

Hello racers

The fourth rounds of the 2022 championships were held on Saturday 23rd of July. Full results and championship positions can be accessed through this link to the MTMBC website <https://www.mtmbc.club/copy-of-fast-electric>.

The weather was warm and a little overcast with sunny periods. There was a gentle breeze which gave rise to light ripples on the water surface that were ideal for racing.

There were multiple large patches of blanket weed with the peaks breaking the surface in many places. It would not have been possible to race except for the excellent efforts of Tony & Wiki initially collecting great clumps of weed and bringing it ashore. Then they punctured other clumps around the course to make them sink. It would have taken all day to clear the whole course and so a channel around the rectangle of buoys was cleared which allowed racing to go ahead. Before the afternoons racing an inspection of the course was made and any blanket weed that had risen was punctured to make it sink again. Buoys were placed to identify large patches close to the racing line.

All heats of Club500s and F600Bs were run before lunch on a modified course missing out the middle buoy of the 'M' and starting with the top right buoy to avoid the weed. The afternoon session of Wacky Races and Mono 1s was raced on a modified course using the bottom left buoy as the first after the start and omitting the normal 8 secs mill time.

Club500 Results – 1st Tim K with a score of 17 laps & 33 seconds. 2nd Leo D with a score of 14 laps & 14 seconds. 3rd Wiki D with a score of 8 laps & 42 seconds. Only 3 competitors took part in this round.

F600B Results - 1st Tim K with a score of 28 laps & 17 seconds. 2nd Paul G with a score of 27 laps & 29 seconds. 3rd Leo D with a score of 26 laps & 22 seconds. A good field of 6 competitors in this round.

Wacky Races Results - 1st Dave P with a score of 44 laps & 31 seconds. 2nd Tim K with a score of 40 laps & 36 seconds. 3rd Leo D with a score of 33 laps & 40 seconds. A respectable field of 5 boats in this round.

Mono 1 Results - 1st Tim K with a score of 58 laps & 33 seconds. 2nd Dave P with a score of 55 laps & 32 seconds. 3rd Steven G with a score of 43 laps & 20 seconds. A respectable 5 boats taking part in this round.

Safety Notice

Weed fouling propellers and rudders was a common problem in these races and racers often returned boats to shore in order to clear weed before returning them to the race. **The drive system must be disabled before getting fingers near the propeller in case of accidental activation of the drive system.** This requires removal of the safety loop or disconnection of the batteries if a safety loop is not fitted.

Thank you

Thanks to Tony and Wiki for their excellent work weed clearing. We would not have been able to run any races without their efforts.

Thank you to Paul G for being Race Controller for many of the races and to Mike for scoring most races.

See you lake-side for more fun & games

Dave