

Sailing January 24 2010

Match Race Cup 2009

Geoff and Bruce had just one more race to sail in the series of 9 races with the score level at 4 all.

The conditions were good with a good S-W breeze and the water quite clear of weed, though they agreed that weed being caught would give a restart. A buoy was moved to give a start line that was aligned nicely and not too long.

Geoff managed to chase Bruce away from the line as the countdown reached zero he turned and led to the start, holding this to the first mark and keeping close cover. Unfortunately Bruce picked up some weed so a restart was called.

With Bruce having the starboard start he entered the starting area right on time while Geoff lagged somewhat. Bruce took his advantage and caught Geoff on port for a pre-start penalty. Geoff chased down and tried to return the favour but ran into Bruce's transom.

With two penalties to be taken immediately Geoff had a lot of chasing to do and did not manage to catch Bruce.

Results: Bruce 5 Geoff 4

Bruce Watson is the winner of the 2009 Match Race Cup.

Summer Series 4

A good turnout of 15 members, including new member Garrick and rejoined Gordon. The pond was clear, a nice breeze and some close racing.

The wind did get very variable and shifty towards the top mark (the pink by the bridge) and this made picking the shifts vital for a good result.

With the wind somewhat stronger than previous weeks Ivan showed he liked the conditions by winning the first race and the last, Geoff also won two races, Terry won one race and I managed to get one win with 100 before it failed on the last leg of another while running 2nd.

Brian used the club boat and brought it into 3rd place a couple of times.

Geoff had the best day's score with 12, Bruce with some 2nds and 4ths had 15 for next best and Ivan and Peter shared 3rd day score with 20.

A good day's sailing but a few too many collisions (including me).

Members:

Gordon Stephenson has rejoined sailing his 89 which now has a Kyosho carbon fibre hull.



Garrick Rocard has joined and sailed his boat for the first time. The boat he had bought was numbered as 12 and now is 112.

State of the Pond:

The recent rain has brought the SG down somewhat. This gives less buoyancy so the weed was down. With lower temperatures and some overcast there was not enough heat to cause the bottom to rise so the weed was not so much problem.



Allen and Paul tangle while others sail past.

Next Week(s):

Jan 31: Auckland Anniversary Fun Day

Feb 7: Waitangi Fun Day

Feb 14: Summer Series round 5

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