

Sailing 7 March 2010

Aggregate Match Racing

14 members at the pond meant that there were 28 races to get through. With a light wind the races could be slow and so it was necessary to get two or three concurrently on the course.

The easterly meant using the short leg of the pond and 'John buoy', the one that 11 moved around previously, was recovered and resited to make a nicely aligned start line.

Three members won all four of their race: Peter Andrews with 21, Geoff Atkinson with 40, and John Dowler with 11.

Earlier John had tried to sail behind the eastern fountain and got the boat stuck. Eventually he had to wade out as it was lodged securely in a block of weed.

Kevin Webb (30) and Bruce Watson (33) won 3 races each. Allen Reynolds with 9 won 2 races on his first day of match racing. I also won 2 with 100, losing to Kevin and Allen.

Many of the races were closely fought with the lead changing several times.

Bruce had 33 fail as his race start was counting down and it was left circling the far start mark as he fetched the club boat for a restart. This was Bruce's old ABS boat as he could not get his usual mount working this morning. It was eventually recovered but in the meantime it did interfere slightly with Ivan and Bruce was given a penalty for this which he could not complete and hold his lead.

Equally notable was that Geoff McGill's 18 did not fail in any of his races.

A good day with good racing.



Peter Buxton (88) on starboard earning a penalty on Peter Andrews (21) in the pre-start countdown. Peter Andrews went on to win the race. Photo: T. Buxton.

Members



John Perkin has joined with his boat NZL92. He has had some problems with leaking but this seems to be fixed now.

Email from Brett:

In case you are wondering, we have been away on holiday and are now back in hospital as Isabelle is battling an infection. I will get back racing again soon, I hope! Cheers, Brett



Ivan leads John to the start line.

Web Site Update:



Wai Care are holding seminars on "[Nature In My Neighbourhood](#)" on Saturdays March 13th and 20th at Rutherford College, Te Atatu Peninsula.

Enrol by March 9th at www.westaucklandcomed.co.nz/courseinfo.php

Next Week(s):

March 14: Autumn Series starts

March 21-28: Autumn Series

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