

Sailing 17 October 2010

Spring Series FINAL

The wind was a cold northerly but was a good strength for the final race day of the club year, the final of the Spring Series and of the Divisional Series. There were a few light showers also. As I sit here doing the report the weather has cleared, the sun is shining in a clear blue sky making it a nice evening. That should have come earlier.

With a good amount of wind the course could take in the whole pond and set two long windward legs and still get through all the races on time. 10 members meant that the course was not crowded, but there was a strong bias on the start line making it important to start at the left end so there was a bit of pushing and shoving.

Neil got away on the first race taking the win.

Gary Irwin won races 2 and 4 and was 2nd in race 3. He and Terry had equal score in the C Division Series so the result was determined by final race of the season. Gary and Terry were first away and kept a good distance ahead of the fleet with Neil in B Division managing to only slowly catch up. At the finish Gary managed to keep the lead and won his third race of the day and winning C Division part 2. His total score of 10 gave him top boat for the day.



Kevin Webb and 30 wins Spring Series

Kevin Webb had won race 3 and his other placings gave him a total of 12 for 2nd top score. This also confirmed his series win.

John Dowler won race 5, with 3rds and 4ths he earned 3rd day score of 17 and this gave him 3rd place in the series. Geoff McGill held onto 2nd place in the series.

A Division was won by Geoff McGill and Ivan Fraser won B Division.

Congratulations to all these winners.

Match Race Cup:

With the sailing of the final Spring Series there is only one event left in the year: the Match Race Cup to be sailed as best of 9 between Bruce Watson, the current holder, and Geoff McGill the challenger.

As Bruce is away in Europe for a few weeks it is unlikely that this will be completed before the AGM.

There isn't a particular time limit for this racing and one year it took until mid year for the 9 races to be sailed, mainly due to weed in the pond making conditions unsuitable for match racing, but also because of unfavourable winds on many days.

End of Year and AGM:

Between now and the AGM there is Labour Day weekend and two days of TBA. If anyone wants to experiment with different formats of racing then they should discuss this with the race committee.

Summer Series 2011:



Given that the proposed racing schedule for 2011 is confirmed at the AGM the Summer Series will start on November 21.

The Summer Series is sailed for the 'North Shore Hobby World Cup' that was first presented in 1995. The winner holds the Cup for one year and is also presented with a miniature. 2nd and 3rd place getters will be presented a trophy.

The series will be sailed over 7 racing days with the final on February 13. Christmas, New Year, Auckland Anniversary and Waitangi Day fall within these dates and two Sundays will be Aggregate Match Racing.

Divisional Series 2011:

The proposed schedule continues the Divisional Series in two parts for the 2011 year, each covering two seasonal series.

Changes this should be proposed at the AGM.

Next Week(s):

October 24: Labour Day - fun day

October 31: tba

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