

Sailing 5 December 2010

Aggregate Match Race 1

With a light south-westerly it was possible to have the match racing course using the long axis of the pond with a start-finish line conveniently in the middle.

Eleven members meant that there would be 22 races. Keeping two races on the course at a time would ensure that all were through by 4pm.

The draw for the first rounds of the new series were based on the results of last year's racing. This put Geoff McGill and Kevin Webb first up. The two boats were evenly matched with them running side by side on the downwind.



Geoff and Kevin side by side.

Kevin had the inside line at the buoy and so rounded ahead to take the lead. After close racing with the lead changing several times Kevin won the first race.

Peter Vernon's boat had not been used for some time and it gave some problems with its rudder servo. He used the club boat, winning his last race with it.

Geoff Atkinson was aggressive in the start area giving two competitors pre-start penalties with port-starboard incidents.

Kevin, Brian, Ivan and I each won 3 races for top scores of the day.



Sometimes two races merged.

There was a small amount of surface twigs and stuff around, especially when the wind died and it was no longer blown away downwind. The wind was sometimes a bit light around the top mark, but it was a good days sailing.

A couple of fleet races rounded off the day.

Other News:

Peter Andrews write:

"Your secretary has a new address. We have moved to Milford, phone 410 4148. Effective 01 Dec.

"The box number of 65-344 Mairangi Bay is still active as it belongs to son Brian. Will get back to the pond when 46 boxes have been unpacked. 40 to go."

Avoiding Collisions yet again.



Only this time I was involved. Racing upwind past the start line I misjudged the boats about to start racing as they turned.



Photos by Carol Bergquist.

Next Week(s):

December 12: Summer Series 3

December 19: Summer Series 4

December 26: Xmas break

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