

Sailing 19 January 2014

Summer Series FINAL

The day was hot and the pond had brought scrut to the surface. The Electrons had been sailing in a South-East wind which had blown the scrut to the North end. When they finished the wind switched to a Northerly and so this was blown over most of the pond. Fortunately, by the start of racing it had mostly moved off towards the other pond.

The wind was rather shifty though, and was quite light on the far side, at the top mark and between the bridge and the tree.

Ivan Fraser won the first race with Kevin Webb and Bruce Watson trying to chase him down.

In race 2 I had been at the back of the fleet but on the last downwind the wind died and I went towards the far shore and picked up a breeze so I managed to be 2nd around the leeward marks just behind Geoff McGill. Geoff tacked at the final mark while I carried on to the path before tacking for the finish. Geoff had to tack back to the line at as swept his bow at the line I crossed. The ref judged a tie. Kevin 3rd.

Kevin made gains on the first windward and soon took a large lead in race 3. Bruce and Neil Purcell fighting for the places right to the finish.

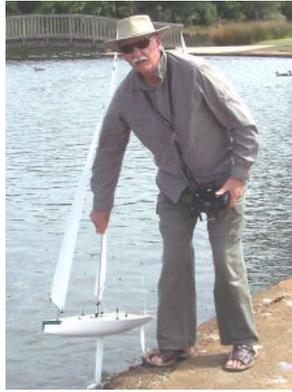


Ivan also won race 4 (start shown below and Ivan about to win, left. Larger prints available at my standard rates). Bruce and Garry Irwin had been catching Ivan, but not quickly enough.

Dan Bush's boat had the rudder servo fail and had sailed the club boat and then my number 1 when I reffed. In race 5 he sailed the club boat to a win followed by Garry and Geoff.

In the final race Ian Bergquist, back sailing with an improved hand, Geoff and Dan, now with Garry's boat, had taken a lead at an early point in the race and had got away from the fleet. I managed to catch up to them as they made the final two marks and by sailing to the path before tacking, again, managed to pip Dan at the line for 3rd with Geoff winning and Ian 2nd.

Bruce was top boat on 12 with myself 2nd with 16, Geoff and Garry equal 3rd on 18.



Summer Series Results

1 st	Bruce Watson	41
2 nd	Richard Plinston	54
3 rd	Geoff McGill	60

Bruce Watson (left) after the last race and winning the day and the series.



Peter Andrews has new boat colours which can't be missed around the marks. That is Dan Bush sailing number 1.

After racing Ian ran into the shore and dropped the sails in the mud (below).



Anniversary Weekend Regatta

Next weekend is Auckland Anniversary. Our Anniversary Weekend Regatta is held on Sunday and we hope to start early with registrations starting at 1pm.

Divisional Series

Carol Bergquist leads C Division, Terry O'Neil leads B Division and in A, Bruce and myself are equal first.

Next Week(s):

January 26: Anniversary Regatta
February 2: Aggregate Match Race 3
February 9: Waitangi Fun Day

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