

Sailing 29 June 2014

Winter Series 6

After a couple of days of storm force winds this morning was still and damp. The harbour seemed to have no wind at all but at the pond there was a light breeze. The Electrons had managed 6 races but had only used a short, simple, windward-leeward 2 lap course.

John Macaulay had set a course with two windward legs and determined the point at which the ref had to call if the race was to be shortened to one lap, but this turned out to not be required.

In race one the B division boats dominated with Terry O'Neil getting the win followed by Ian Bergquist and Ivan Fraser.

Race two had John quickly taking the lead and by the finish he was two legs ahead of the next boat: Neil Purcell, with Dan Leahy 3rd. John Hinton had his boat fail with loss of sail servo. He took 96 for the remaining races.

Carol Bergquist had the early lead in race 3 but was overtaken by Ian before the end of the first lap and he held this to take the win. John passed Carol pushing her back into 3rd place.

In race 4 there was a bit more breeze. Carol again held the lead for most of the first leg but I managed to pass several boats on the long windward leg going to the 2nd leg and then held onto a narrow lead to take the win with Carol 2nd and Dan getting another 3rd place.

Peter Andrews got a good start in race 5 and held on for the win. John worked through the fleet and passed Ian to make these 2nd and 3rd.

In the final race the wind died away and Terry took a good lead early in the race and had his second win. I had worked through the fleet to be 2nd and had John get on my tail to be 3rd.

John Macaulay had the best score of 10, and now has an unbeatable lead in the series. Ian had 12 points for 2nd top score. Terry O'Neil and Dan Leahy had 3rd equal scores for the day.

Onepoto Boardwalk

The Kaipatiki Local Board invite you to the official opening of the Onepoto walkway and extension of the learn to ride. We hope that you can attend this great event and bring along your family.

Summary of Event:

Date: **Sunday, 13 July 2014**

Start time : **1.00pm**

Finish time: 3.00pm

Venue: Oneopto Domain

Purpose: Official Opening, Onepoto walkway

Formalities Blessing, speeches, ribbon cutting

Catering: No, but there is a free sausage sizzle, hot chocolate and cupcakes

Dress: Casual

Parking: Off street parking

RSVP: Yes

This will present an additional problem with parking so I suggest that you turn up at Noon.

Electron Top Mark

During the Electron's racing the wind shifted to be more Northerly so they switched the course to use the 'centre silver' at the North end as the top mark. For the first lap this worked well, but when the first boats got to this top mark for the second lap it had broken loose and was now alongside the green. The buoy continued to drift so the boats behind had shorter legs to sail.

The buoy was recovered by Ian from the South shore, the eyebolt was completely corroded away. We recovered another buoy and threw it in roughly where the silver had been.

Photo: Race 3, the short leg to the 'candy' buoy. Ian leads Carol to the next mark.

Next Week(s):

July 6: Aggregate Match Racing 7

July 13: Winter Series FINAL

July 20: Lay Day or Fun day

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