

Sailing 19 April 2015

Autumn Series Final

There was a light easterly wind so a course was set with the start at the bridge end and a long windward leg to the red in the far corner leading into a figure eight.

This was the final of the Autumn series. Kevin Webb led the series but I was just 4 points behind and was including a higher 4th score so a good score today could overtake Kevin, as long as I also beat his score.

In the first race Terry O'Neill took an early lead for the first few marks, I caught him and went out to a handy lead but on the final downwind the boat slowed, possibly some weed, and three boats passed me with Kevin taking the win. Tom Clark crossed the line 2nd but had failed to take his penalty turn and was relegated two places Giving Ian Bergquist 2nd place.



In race 2 I umpired. Terry had taken a good lead but Kevin had caught and they were side by side on the final downwind (above) with Terry holding the inside overlap at the final mark. On the final short windward Kevin outpaced Terry and took the win by just a couple of inches.

It was Ian that led at the first mark in race 3 and he held this all the way to the final mark. Kevin and I were fighting for 2nd place but I pulled away and was catching Ian. As Ian turned the last mark he touched it and had to take a penalty which let me pass to take the win.

In race 4 the mid handicap boats raced away at the start but the wind died for the boats starting later. It was Ian that took the win with Peter Andrews and Tom taking the places.

Race 5 had Kevin and I fighting all the way around keeping it close. On the final downwind I

had a useful lead and pulled away to the win. Terry getting 3rd.

The final, divisional start, race was won by Tom Clark, sealing his win in the B divisional series, with Mike McCaw holding on to get 2nd place and Peter getting 3rd.

Kevin had the best score for the day with 8 points with 2 wins and an assessed win. Ian and I had 11 points. I had 2 wins and Ian had one plus 2nds and 3rds. This was enough to take Ian from 8th place in the series to 3rd.

If I had managed to hold my lead in the first race and win that then I would have a score that would have won the series, but congratulations to Kevin.

Autumn Series Results

1 st	Kevin Webb	36
2 nd	Richard Plinston	38
3 rd	Ian Bergquist	60

Divisional Series Part 1

A	Richard Plinston
B	Tom Clark
C	Brian Stiff

The Winter Series and a new Divisional Series starts in 4 weeks time.

Onepoto Dredging Project

I went to the meeting between the project manager, various council officers and the contractors last Thursday. They are well aware of our needs on the sailing pond and will liaise with us as required. There should be no interference with our sailing.

They started that day to prepare the site and today the bund area was fenced with diggers and trucks in the enclosed area (see below).

Dredging with a vacuum pump on a remote controlled raft should start this week.

Next Week(s):

April 26: ANZAC weekend

May 3: Aggregate Match Race 6

May 10: Mother's Day

New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron

Web site: <http://Azonic.co.nz/NZRYS/>

Secretary: pfa@Xtra.co.nz

