

# Sailing 16 August 2015

## Spring Series 3

The wind was light today, very light to nothing. It was also shifting to where the next thermal took it, but was generally southerly to south-west. When the sun came it it was nice and warm.

The spare boats were brought into use. Kevin Webb had problems with his transmitter and so took 19. Terry O'Neil had a wire break and took my old 01.

The first 3 races were sailed in the first hour but the wind was getting lighter on average and we only got through two more races before 4pm so the scores for those 5, with one discarded, will be scaled by 5 / 4 to give a final result.

My boat was sailing extraordinarily well in the condition and I won 4 races, with an assessed win for race 3 which I reffed, my score was 5 for top score today and the series lead.

Phillip Brain won race 3, his first series race win. Well done. Neil had made a good start in that race (photo below) and held a good lead for much of the way but Phillip passed him half way in the 2<sup>nd</sup> lap. Tom Clark picked up a good wind



on the windward leg (photo above) to get 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Kevin did well with an unfamiliar boat and had 2<sup>nd</sup> top score of 13 from 2<sup>nd</sup>s and 3<sup>rd</sup>s. Neil and Tom both had 15 for equal 3<sup>rd</sup> today.

### Next Week(s):

**August 23: Spring Series 4**

**August 30: Spring Series 5**

**September 6: Father's Day - Fun day**

**New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron**

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

Secretary: [pfa@Xtra.co.nz](mailto:pfa@Xtra.co.nz)



## Toot the Tug

I have made a new cradle for Toot from a small plastic roller box. I took it to the pond today in case boats needed rescuing with zero wind. I tried it out and let some children play with it.

It was needed when Bruce Bower had his AUS 35 (the one that sank at San Diego) batteries failed. He took the tug and managed to catch a shroud to bring it ashore.

It was, however, the wrong shroud so it was towed backwards.

It was also used to recover the extra start line buoy.

**Marine360** advise that they have the new **Hitec lite4** (left) 2.4GHZ Radio unit for \$159.00



They also have: Seawind sails Factory set in stock, and Seawind "Custom Sails". These customs sails have not been examined by the racing

committee and will need to checked to get approval.

## Servos

Secretary Peter Andrews advises that he has a new shipment of sail servos for members to buy. He has now sold his house and will be moving so ring first.

## End of Year AGM

The club year ends at the end of next month. The AGM is likely to be on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October due to the AAFL probably wanting to use the club rooms on Sunday.

We request your proposals for next years racing, articles and tips for Upwind newsletter, and any suggestions to improve sailing days.

