

Sailing 18 January 2015

Summer Series Final

The day was too hot, the wind was too variable and shifty, the pond was too smelly, but at least we were upwind of that.

I set the course today and tried to suit the wind shifting around the generally South-West direction while avoiding the bridge end which seemed too sheltered.

Ivan Fraser had problems with his boat again. He had spent a couple of hours cleaning up the wiring and connectors but back in the water it failed again. This time he took 19. Neil Purcell started racing with 6 but the rudder was loose so he swapped to my old 01 halfway during race 1.

In race 1 I was first around the first mark and sailed away while the fleet lost the wind, giving me a large lead. In the 2nd lap Tom Clark and Ian Bergquist were catching me and though I took the win they just a couple of lengths behind.

Race 2 was a handicap start and Carol Bergquist and Dan Leahy were first around the top mark. Carol then led away and held this to the final mark with Kevin Webb, Ian and Dan right behind her. Carol stumbled and lost the wind while the other 3 sailed past her.



In race 3 I again was first around mark 1 with Kevin close behind. We sailed side by side and swapped lead for a few legs but eventually I broke away and held Kevin off to take another win with Dan getting another 3rd.

Race 4 had the group of Ian, Tom and Neil (in my old 1) taking a good sized lead over the rest of the fleet and they had their own race with Ian getting the win. I was trailing behind but the rest were line abreast going to the far corner mark and they nearly rafted up allowing me to sail around them.

I was first at the top mark in failing winds again in race 5 and even had time to do a penalty turn before rounding. Kevin passed me on the downwind and held this for a few legs but was

going to miss a mark and had to recover in light winds while I sailed past and took the win. Ian also got past for 2nd while Kevin recovered well enough to hold onto 3rd.

In the final, divisional, race it was Tom that took a huge lead early on. Kevin and I worked through the fleet so that as we went into lap 2 we led the rest. Tom had picked up weed and Kevin and I eroded his lead on the windward and we led him around the top mark. I was first around final mark with Kevin close behind and Tom another length back. Kevin was not going to lay the finish and I was unsure that I would so I tacked and lost speed while Tom sailed between us to take the win, Kevin sneaking around the finish mark for 2nd while I slowly tacked back.



Tom Clark with weed

With an assessed win for reefing race 2 my total score was 7. This was not only best for the day but also was sufficient to give me the series win with a total of 34. Ian Bergquist was 2nd top score today with 12 while Kevin Webb's score of 13 was 3rd.

Summer Series Results

1	Richard Plinston	34
2	Bruce Watson	38
3	Tom Clark	47

Anniversary Weekend Regatta

Next weekend in Auckland Anniversary weekend with the NZRYS Regatta on Sunday 25th. We hope to start early with registrations starting at 1pm.

The racing format and rules document is available on the web site.

Next Week(s):

January 25: Anniversary Regatta

February 1: Aggregate Match Race 3

February 8: Waitangi Weekend - Fun

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