

Sailing 25 January 2015

Anniversary Weekend Regatta

Yet another hot day. This time the wind was Northerly so the smell from the north end was noticeable. To avert the threat of dehydration I brought along a chillibin with ice and drinks for the members.

The eleven members were divided into three groups by the draw of coloured Lego blocks. For each member to sail in six races there would be a total of 9 races to be sailed. I initially set a course but it was changed to suit the wind veering somewhat. After a couple of races the wind had backed so the original course was reinstated.



In the first race Dan Bush hit the start line at speed and sailed to a good sized lead in the shifty winds. Bruce Watson sailed into 2nd place while I had been last around the first mark but managed to work through to 3rd place.

Race 2 had Tom Clark take the lead and hold this by a good margin most of the way around until he was about to miss the 2nd windward mark. He corrected and still led but rounded the next mark the wrong way and then caught a buoy rope. Such are the hazards of leading. Bruce, Peter Andrews and Terry O'Neil fought to replace Tom as leader and they finished in that order.

Ivan Fraser had bench tested his boat and had it work correctly but in the water it failed again. He took 19 for the following race but that failed and he used my old 01 for the rest of his races.

Race 3 had Dan winning again by a large margin while Terry and I swapped positions around the course but I cleared my keel and managed to get past at the last mark to get 2nd with Terry 3rd.

At the start of the 4th race I managed to get to lee of Dan and pushed him the wrong side of the mark while recovering to get back to the line. Kevin Webb and I then took a lead over the fleet

while staying just a couple of lengths apart. Dan was working his way through the fleet but I pulled ahead on the last leg for the win while Kevin held off Dan to get 2nd.



Race 5 had Bruce take an early good sized lead but lost this when he missed a mark and had to return. Terry, Tom and Peter sailing as a bunch got up to Bruce but he managed to get back the lead for the win.

Terry and I, followed by Kevin, again had a tussle for the lead around most of the course with the finish being in that order.

I won the next race too, this time it was Kevin dogging my heels with Dan 3rd.

Bruce was back with his third win with Terry and Tom getting places.

In the final race Dan had his 3rd win with Kevin 2nd and myself third.

With 3 boats getting 3 wins each it was to the placings that determined the regatta win. I had a 2nd and 3rd while Dan counted two 3rd and Bruce had a 2nd and 5th.

1 st	Richard Plinston	8
2 nd	Dan Bush	9
3 rd	Bruce Watson	10



Next Week(s):

February 1: Aggregate Match Race 3

February 8: Waitangi Weekend – Fun

February 15: Autumn Series Start

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