

Sailing 22 March 2015

Autumn Series round 5

The water was clean today with no weed at all. There was a good sailing breeze though it was unstable.

With the wind swinging there was quite some discussion in determining a suitable course and eventually it was sketched out with the start between 'tree' and 'bridge' buoys and the finish between the two silver 'S' buoys.

Garry Irwin, with 'Goldie', and Neil Purcell made a good start in race 1 at the bridge end and were first to the top mark. They held this lead through to the finish with Bruce Watson getting 3rd.

Race 2 had Peter Andrews and Ian Bergquist taking the lead for most of the race but being run down and passed by Kevin Webb.

Trevor took 96 because the jib sheet on 72 was slipping making it hard to go to windward.

I won the next two races by quite large margins. In race 3 it was John Macaulay and Neil who took the places. In race 4 I had to catch and pass Terry who had led the first few marks and he managed to hold off John (3rd) and Kevin who were vying for a place.

Kevin had his 2nd win in race 5 keeping ahead of Peter and John. In the Divisional race Terry held the lead for the first lap but a collision gave him a penalty which dropped him back allowing Bruce to finally get his boat working to take the win with John and Peter placing.

John and Kevin had equal top scores of 12 while my 16 was 3rd. Kevin increases his lead in the series while I hang on to 2nd, Bruce 3rd.

Below: Terry leads myself, Peter, Kevin, Bruce(?) in race 2 while Garry and Trevor Showbridge untangle their boats.

Next Week(s):

March 29: Autumn Series 6

April 5: Easter

April 12: Aggregate Series 5

New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron

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Electron Regatta

Next Saturday 28th is the Electron's Regatta. Starting at 9am.

Divisional Series Part 1

With just two more sailing days in the Autumn Series the Divisional Series will also be completed. Currently I have a comfortable lead in A Division. B Division has Tom Clark, Terry O'Neil and Ian Bergquist with just 1 point difference. Brian Stiff leads C Division.

At the AGM it was proposed, and passed, that the top 3 boats in each of divisions B and C should compete in a Division Match Race series.

Mike McCaw has produced the rules for these series. If there is a tie for points then a count back will establish the order in each division.

The 2nd and 3rd boat in the division will compete in a semi-final best of 3 match race series and the winner of this will compete against the top boat in the division in a final best of 3 series for the B or C Division Match Race Trophy.

The semi-finals are to be completed by the end of the Winter Series. The finals by the end of the Spring Series.

360 Marine - Seawind Parts.

I have managed to re-open an account with Toymod, They advised me that they have good stock levels of Seawind parts. Having said this, it now will be easier for your members because I will carry this in store.

Some new items from my end:

4 cell Boat battery pack (sealed with standard battery plug) - cost \$35.00

Sail suit -Performance Racing custom sails - \$150.00 per set

This sail suit will improve the handling and sail setting of the Seawind by 80%+ in boat speed

Tony Oudshoorn

Note: non-Kyoshu sails require sailing committee approval and panelled sails are not allowed.

