

Sailing 10 April 2016

Autumn Series 6



The good news today was that there was plenty of parking available. That was the only good news, it was raining and there was almost no wind.

To try out the racing a simple 2 mark course was set to what seemed to be a north-west breeze. With just 8 members it was necessary to have a short start and only long ones were available so the start was set between 'candy' and my drink bottle on the curb.

Later the course was reset as what there was of the wind went more easterly.

The first race took about 35 minutes even though it was just a 2 lap windward-leeward. The next 3 races were single lap and then with a shorter course more east-west we went back to 2 laps.

The handicaps were not utilised as well as could be. Often the handicapped boats could not get away on time and were just a couple of lengths ahead of the scratch boats. In the final, divisional start, race there were no boats across the line before the count down completed.

Bruce Watson was top boat today with 2 wins and a couple of 2nd places totalling 9. John Macaulay was just 1 point back after 2 wins and just 1 2nd and a couple of 3rds. I was another point behind on 11 after 1 win and three 2nd places. George Stead won race 4.

Bruce Watson now leads the series pushing George back into 2nd while I move up to 3rd with 4 races counting and 2 discards.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS.



Photo above: Race 5 lap 2. While I am laying 3rd here George has caught some breeze and will pass me before the finish. John (dark hull) passes Bruce to take the win.



Photo above: start of final race.

Photo at foot of page: Race 5 end of lap 1. John and Bruce are ahead and halfway to the top mark.

Next Week(s):

April 17: Autumn Series FINAL

April 24: ANZAC Day - fun day

May 1: Aggregate Match Race series 6

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