

Sailing 14 February 2016

Aggregate Match Race Series 3

There was a good fresh Northerly today which gave a match race course from the bridge to the top end of the pond.

Jim Keogh has bought another boat off TradeMe but he had some problems with it and took 19 for some of the races. Hans Koerselman brought his Carbon boat today, numbered 88.

Neil Purcell and I were first up today. The starter failed during the count so the spare was fetched from my car. Later the normal starter worked fine but the backup was used all day.

Neil got the better start and led away but close to the top mark I was on starboard and made Neil tack away so I could lead around the mark. On the downwind Neil passed me and led the rest of the race to take the win.



Above: Mike McCaw briefly leads Kevin in their race. On the downwind Mike was close behind as they approached the mark and Kevin broached. Mike then broached leaving both struggling to recover.



Photo Left: Tom Clark gives a penalty to Neil in the prestart of their race.



Kevin Webb won all four of his races to be top boat today and to take the lead in the series. Photo left shows him winning again.

Peter Andrews and I won three of our four races.

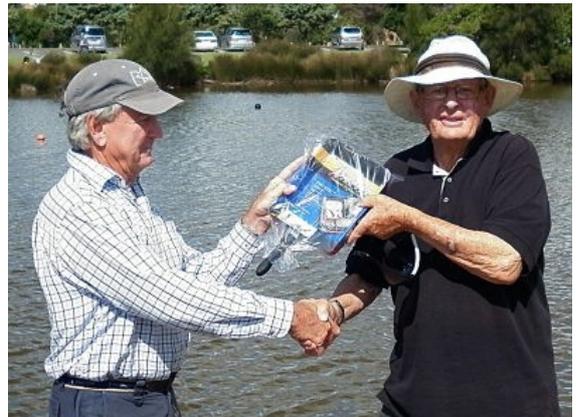
Neil and I are equal 2nd in the series.

Fleet race for Boaties Frypan

George Stead had a good sales week and celebrated by offering a 'Boaties Frypan' as a prize for a fleet race today. George set the course based on the match race course with an additional dog leg. The race was held after completion of the match racing.

Tom Clark, Kevin and Neil got the best of the start with Tom leading at the first mark and rushing away to a good sized lead. On the second lap Kevin and Terry O'Neill started catching Tom. At the top mark I was on starboard going to the mark as Tom was starting his downwind on port. He touched my mast head but fortunately they did not catch.

On the final downwind Kevin and Terry was close behind Tom with Peter Andrews and I a few lengths behind. The lead bunch tacked around bridge yellow, the last mark, while Peter and I went towards the path before tacking. This proved to be the best course and Peter took the win just ahead of Kevin while I got 3rd and Tom did his penalty turn.



George presented the 'Boaties Frypan' to Peter.



<http://www.boatiesfrypan.com>

Next Week(s):

February 21: Autumn Series 2

February 28: Autumn Series 3

March 6: Aggregate Match Race 4

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