

# Sailing 17 January 2016

## Summer Series FINAL

The wind was North-Easterly today, and shifting savagely. It was a good strength though, so we could set a long course using the whole length of the pond plus a short second windward, and get through the races well enough to finish by 4pm.

Dan Bush returned to racing today but 478 gave troubles with the rudder servo failing after one race in the start countdown of race 2. As I was ref he grabbed my boat as the race started. He used 19 for the rest of the races.

In race 1 I made a good start and led around the first mark to step out to a good sized lead. Kevin Webb had to work through the fleet and cross the gap to catch me and was on my tail for the last few legs but I held him off on the final windward to the finish. Reuben Muir led the rest of the fleet to get a 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

In race 2 Mike McCaw led around the first mark but Ivan Fraser had his boat going well and soon took the lead (photo bottom of page) and held this right through to the end to take the win. Kevin (far right in photo) made the right choices and was just a few lengths behind Ivan at the last mark (photo right) and was closing but had to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup>, Terry O'Neill was 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In race 3 I again managed to get out to a handy lead early in the race. Kevin managed to recover from an indifferent start and caught up to me on the last downwind. We swapped lead tacking up to the finish but I was to windward as we closed to the line but I tacked too soon and Kevin could lay the closest end of the line to grab the win from me in the last metre by an inch or two. Neil Purcell was catching us up to get 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Race 4 had Mike and Reuben go out to a good sized lead from the rest and they fought for the lead all the way around. Kevin had worked through to lead the rest but went too close to the path and hit a rock which turned him around letting George Stead through for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Race 5 had me making another good start with Tom Clark hanging onto my quarter. We got around the first mark clear of the rest with Kevin just behind but the rest of the fleet was in a bunch and Kevin was trapped and earned a

couple of penalties which left him trailing while Tom and I got away. Reuben took the lead of the rest and held onto that for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The final race had Mike and Reuben again fighting each other for the lead while they took a large lead on the rest of the boats. On the last leg Mike took the lead and the win from Reuben. Kevin was 3<sup>rd</sup>.

With two wins - should have been 3 - I was top boat with 11 point. Kevin was just 1 point behind on 12 and Reuben was 3<sup>rd</sup> for the day on 17.

Kevin was unbeatable in the series but I came within 1 point of John Macaulay's score.

### Summer Series Results:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kevin Webb	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Macaulay	55
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Plinston	56

### Dan Bush Sails:

Dan has delivered a couple of sets of sails to the club for testing and demonstration. One set is a light nylon and the other is a heavier polyester.

Dan says the the nylon will settle in quicker and may be better in light winds but will stretch in a shorter time. The heavier polyester will last longer but may require heavier winds to take the best shape.

I will fit these to the two club boats, 19 and 96, so that members can test these out and the race committee can evaluate them with a view to giving approval.



### Next Week(s):

**January 24: Autumn Series START**

**January 31: Anniversary Regatta**

**February 7: Waitangi Weekend**

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