

Sailing 31 January 2016

Anniversary Weekend Regatta

The wind was a nice breeze from the North. The pond was good, the sky was overcast so not unbearably hot.

We started racing about 1:30pm with the 13 members divided into four groups and 12 races to complete. Dan Bush arrived later and without a boat. He joined a group that hadn't raced yet and took Savannah 96 with his polyester sail set.



In race 1 Ivan Fraser made the best start and led around the first mark, holding this around the first lap (above). He was passed on the next lap by Kevin Webb, who took the win, and by Terry O'Neill but Ivan fought back and these two boats were tied on the line and given equal 2nd place.

In race 2 I took an early lead and took this out to a good distance while Kevin and Bruce Watson led away from the rest and fought for 2nd place behind me, Kevin getting that in the end.

Race 3 had Bruce and I fighting for the lead. I was ahead around the final mark but Bruce could just lay the finish on starboard and I was caught just short so Bruce took the win. George Stead held off Dan to get 3rd. John Macaulay's boat failed. He took 19 for his next race but got his working for the remainder.

Reuben Muir got away to a large lead in race 4 and was untroubled to take the win. John got 19 running well for 2nd with Ivan 3rd.

Race wins then went to Peter Andrews, Dan Bush, and Reuben again.

I returned the favour to Bruce in the 8th race. Bruce led around the final mark but set off on port while I turned. On the next cross I was well ahead and took the win. John won the next two races. George and Reuben had led the 10th race but the rest caught up and they were all level on the downwind (below).



John won with the two Readysets taking the places.

I won the 11th race. My total was 8 points, Bruce's total was 9. It was down to the final race with John or Kevin being able to get to equal my score of 8.

It was Kevin that took the lead in the final race and he stepped out to a good sized lead. John and Dan made some gains towards the end of the race but Kevin won and his total was 8 while John had to settle for 2nd to get 9 points total.

This then required a sail off with Kevin and I racing for first and second place while John and Bruce raced for 3rd place in the regatta.

I made a bad start and trailed behind the others while Kevin raced ahead. But disaster struck in the form of a plastic bag, Kevin stopping dead in the water. Dan had taken the tug boat for his daughter to putter about so he deployed the hook and sped to the far side to rescue Kevin who had to retire. Bruce beat John.

Regatta Results

1 st	Richard Plinston	8+1
2 nd	Kevin Webb	8+2
3 rd	Bruce Watson	9+1



State of the Pond

Last week the pond was down a few inches. Carol chased the council for some keys and we got a set on Thursday. By this time the water was 7 inches below the weir gate top from leaking and evaporation. I opened the flap valve to refill the pond. I expected that two high tides would overflow it.

On Friday the contractor reported that the water was over the paths. I went in the late afternoon, with the tide half out. to close to flaps but the contractor had changed the padlock so I couldn't and left the pond flushing in and out.

Ian had a 'C' key so I met with him on late Saturday afternoon and this worked so we closed the flap. It looked as if the flap had jammed open but the result today indicated it had not as the pond level was perfect.

Next Week(s):

February 7: Waitangi Weekend

February 14: Aggregate Match Race 3

February 21: Autumn Series 2

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