

Sailing 24 July 2016

Spring Series START

Another weekend of storms overnight and forecasts for rain and high winds kept many members away today.



The pond was up over the path

Neil Purcell was sailing his Seawind when I turned up. There were half a dozen Electrons racing in the gusty conditions but Neil had decided that he was testing out the Seawind. Phillip Brain turned up as he was getting back to sailing but decided that it was not the conditions he wanted.

A strong squall with driving rain came through just after 1pm while Neil was still sailing and he tried to shelter behind the tree by the bridge. As the winds increased he managed to get the boat to shore and he took it and went home.

After half an hour the front passed through and left a much calmer wind though it was unstable and shifted quite a bit. Four of us were left for the racing. A course was set to cater for the westerly with 3 zig-zags.



At times it was quite calm

Strong gusts sometimes came through, in one Bruce dived with his stern rising straight up while others rounded up.

Tom Clark, Bruce Watson and I each had 3 wins. Bruce was top boat on 8 points while Tom and I had 10 points.

Spring Series



The series winner is awarded the NZRYS Spring Series Cup to hold for one year plus a miniature to keep. The 2nd and 3rd place getters will be awarded backstand trophies. The current holder of the cup is John Macaulay

Around the Pond



We have a new table for the chart board and equipment. The ground around, though, is sodden and is soft mud.



Terry O'Neill lead Tom Clark on a windward

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS.

Next Week(s):

July 31: Spring Series 2

August 7: Aggregate Match Race 8

August 14: Spring Series 3

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