

## Sailing 20 March 2016

### Autumn Series 5

There was a good breeze today, though it did swing around a bit. Mike McCaw set a course which was adjusted a few times before we started racing as the wind shifted around.

Ivan Fraser had problems with his rudder servo, which had been recently replaced. He took club boat 19, but in race 5 the battery must have come out of the battery box and in rattling around in the hull a wire broke. He took club boat 96 for the final race.

I made a poor start in race 1, had to turn away from the line and trailed the whole race, so I didn't watch what went on with the leaders but Bruce Watson won with George Stead and John Macaulay taking the places, while Kevin Webb was at the back with me.

I made a couple of adjustments and in race two, a handicap start, I worked through the fleet. Going to the finish, tacking at the path, I made it across the bow of Geoff Atkinson and Neil Purcell and was told that I had won.

Race 3 (photo below) had George (far left) leading Reuben. Geoff (40) won the race with George getting another 2<sup>nd</sup> and John 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Kevin Webb won the next two races, George another 2<sup>nd</sup>, and I a couple of 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Reuben and George got away in the final race, taking a large lead. George fell behind and Reuben took the win with Kevin and Neil taking the places. The 3 divisions in the first 3.

Kevin was top boat today with 2 wins and 12 points. I had 1 win and some 3<sup>rd</sup> for second today with 16. George total was 17 for third today and he retains the series lead.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS.

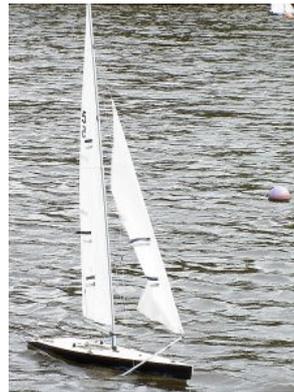
## State of the Pond

I switched the fountains on again today, it seems that they haven't set the timer yet.

The SG is now up to 1.016 which will help keep the algal weed down.



In race one Neil and Peter Andrews were rounding a mark together when their masts collided and locked together. Compounding the problem was Neil's keel catching the mark. They eventually drifted off and went to the worst place to be recovered - the trees in the south-east corner. In dragging through the trees Peter's mast came free and was bent. He retired the day and refereed a couple of races.



In the final race John Macaulay lost the jib clew.

Also Tom Clark lost the mainsail clew.

### Next Week(s):

**March 27: Easter - fun day**

**April 3: Aggregate Match Race 5**

**April 10: Autumn Series 6**

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