

## Sailing 1 May 2016

### Aggregate Match Race 6

With the wind from the North we could set a course using the long arm of the pond. With 14 members needing 28 races we could start early and mostly keep 3 races on the course to get through before 4pm. In fact we finished with enough time to have a fleet race in which Tom Clark and Neil Purcell got away to a large lead on the rest of the fleet. I'm not sure which won though.

Kevin Web and I were first up. Kevin had a few lengths lead at the first mark but I got on starboard and as he rounded I forced him away and he had to circle around to avoid me letting me catch up. I hung onto his tail through to the final mark where Kevin tacked away on port while I held onto starboard and caught a lift that gave me the win.



Kevin made that same mistake in his next race at the final mark, (photo above: Kevin left, George right) letting George Stead take a win after being behind at the final mark.



In the race between Brian Stiff and Ivan Fraser they were never more than a few lengths apart in the whole race. On the approach to the finish line Brian looked to be ahead but Ivan got a burst of extra speed and passed in the last couple of metres (photo above) to win by a couple of inches.

John Macaulay, George Stead and Bruce Watson each won all four of their races. With 5 days counting and just 1 dropped Kevin and I are equal top scorers.



## Match Race Cup 2015

Kevin and I have finally started racing the best of 9 series for the Cup. Kevin got the best of the start. At the first cross I attempted to get across on port but missed by a small margin and earned a penalty. Approaching the top mark, I was on port again but this time got across and led around.

On the next windward Kevin tacked away as I caught a shift and leapt ahead, but it soon was apparent that there was weed involved. A resale was offered but refused so I went 1up.

### C Series Match Race semi-final

Reuben Muir and George Stead sailed their best of 3 series. Reuben won the first race, I was too busy with Kevin to watch.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> race George soon took the lead and held it through to the win. This required a final race to determine who would race Mike McCaw in the C Series Match Race final.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> race the start was even. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> windward the lead swapped at each cross. George getting the inside overlap at the top mark but Reuben coming out ahead. On the downwind they came side by side and pushed each other



as they gybed. Reuben had the inside and led around the final mark but they swapped lead on every shift and while George crossed ahead just a few lengths from the lead, he needed to tack and it was Reuben that took the win of the race and the semi-final (left).

### Divisional Series

Kevin Webb, Neil Purcell and Mike McCaw were presented their trophies for winning the A, B, and C Divisions part 1 respectively.

George Stead and Reuben Muir will move to A division. Tom Clark moves back to B. Carol Bergquist and John Hinton move to C.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS.

### Next Week(s):

**May 8: Mother's Day - fun day**

**May 15: Winter Series START**

**May 22: Winter Series 2**

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