

Sailing 15 May 2016

Winter Series START

Early in the morning it seemed that there may be no wind, but through the morning it improved from nothing to a nice Westerly breeze.

Much discussion was made about how the course should be set. A buoy was moved to form a suitable start line which settled the issue.

In some of the races a small group was able to break away from the fleet and take a large lead on the rest. In race 1 it was Tom Clark, Bruce Watson, Kevin Webb and John Macaulay. I was able to bridge the gap and catch up. On the final leg to the finish I picked a better windward course and crossed the line behind Bruce and John. John was carrying a penalty and had to recross so I was promoted to 2nd with Tom 3rd.

Peter Andrews won race 2. He and Kevin sailed most of the race side by side and Peter able to get to the line ahead. I took a close cover on Bruce on the final leg to ensure that he could not pass me and I took 3rd.

Race 3 had Kevin and Neil Purcell keeping it close in the race lead, while I and Ivan Fraser trailed behind. The rest of the fleet seemed to fall into a hole which we had to sail through where the course converged the legs. This time Kevin took the win ahead of Neil while I got another 3rd.

George Stead was back on form in race 4. He quickly moved into the lead and held it to the finish with Peter and Neil taking the places.



Peter was first to the top mark in race 5 (photo above) with Kevin close. Those two plus Brian Stiff were able to get a good lead on the downwind (photo below). John (far right in photo



below) was able to catch those 3 and he finished 2nd behind Peter pushing Kevin back to 3rd.



In the first lap Bruce had caught on a buoy which was a mark and he remained there until Tom Clark went too close and caught him and pushed him backwards off the mark (photo above).

In the final, divisional start, race the C division got away to a clear lead with Hans Koerselman with his Carbon Fibre boat and Brian moving ahead. A group of A division moved through the rest of the fleet but Hans and Brian held on for the win and 2nd with John 3rd.

Peter Andrews was top boat with 13 points from his two wins and a 2nd. Kevin Webb had 15 points from one win for 2nd. I was 3rd on 17 points.



New Member (?)

Terry Deuchar turned up at the pond today. He bought a Seawind on TradeMe. Initially he sailed the club boat but brought out his '007' to sail for the last couple of races.

His boat is fitted with a jib boom extension and topping lift which have to go.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS.

Next Week(s):

May 22: Winter Series 2

May 29: Winter Series 3

June 5: Queen's Birthday - Fun day

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