

## Sailing 22 May 2016

### Winter Series 2

Two members who haven't been with us for some months turned up today: Garry Itrwin and Dan Bush (late as usual).

Today was quite difficult with varying and shifting winds and a couple of light showers. Being the right or wrong side of a shift could change the place by half the fleet.

Neil Purcell had problems with his rudder servo and took Savannah 96 for the racing.

In race 1 George Stead quickly got away to a large lead. Kevin Webb pulled away from the rest to close the gap. He eventually caught George and passed him on the final leg to snatch the win.



Race 2 had Mike McCaw getting away to a good lead. Photo above shows Mike leading on the windward to 'black' while Kevin on the downwind swerves to avoid him. Tom Clark got close enough to challenge but got stuck in irons and dropped back. Reuben Muir passed Tom to get 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Mike with Tom 3<sup>rd</sup>.

John Macaulay won race 3 With Neil Purcell 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tom 3<sup>rd</sup> again. Reuben won race 4, Bruce Watson won race 5, Terry O'Neill 2<sup>nd</sup>, Reuben 3<sup>rd</sup>. Terry won the final, divisional start race. George was back on form for 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dan Bush finally got his boat sorted to take 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Terry was top boat today with a total of 17 from his win and a couple of good placings. Reuben with 19 points was 2<sup>nd</sup> and John was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 22.

## State of the Pond

There had been some complaints about the smell from the pond during the week and the council decided that the toilet block was to blame. A suction truck was at the pond today to clean out the pipes.



There were new picnic tables at the north end. The table we use has gone, hopefully that means we will get a new one too. Gerry Gunman's bench seat has been restored and is now back in place.



There is a stack of orange plastic fencing in a cage so it looks like some additional work around the pond is going to be done soon. Perhaps some additional cycle tracks or paths.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS.

### Next Week(s):

**May 29: Winter Series 3**

**June 5: Queen's Birthday - Fun day**

**June 12: Winter Series 4**

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