

Sailing 4 December 2016

Aggregate Match Race Series 1

The wind had been quite light in the morning but it picked up at midday to be generally a nice breeze with some light patches, such as the top mark. It was swinging but was generally SW. It was hot though, with a clear sky.

A group was learning fly fishing on the grass and they did use some of the pond later but didn't affect us.

The draw was based on last year's final results so it was Kevin Webb and I first up. I raced away from Kevin but a gust rounded me up onto a mark and Kevin got away. I was catching up again but not enough.



When Kevin and Brian Stiff went to start their race Brian's rudder failed so we postponed their race and started the next while Kevin tried to coerce 66 back to the path. Eventually we gave up on that and Brian used the club boat while his circled to the far shore. Photo shows Brian sailing the club boat past his 66 awaiting recovery in the shallows.



John Macaulay (above) is sporting a new mainsail, but no number yet.

John won all 4 of his races today. Kevin and Peter Andrews won 3 of their 4.

A fleet race over the same course was won by Garry Irwin who had taken a large lead at the top mark by getting around before the wind died leaving the rest struggling to themark.

New Member



Pierre du Plessis had sailed the club boat a couple of weeks ago. Last week he bought a Seawind, NZL 85, off TradeMe and he was at the pond this week to race with us.

Match Race Cup 2016



Kevin Webb and I started racing the Match Race Cup best of 9 series. I was slightly ahead at the start (above) but Kevin passed me on the upwind. The wind was light and fluky at the top mark and as I came in on starboard, Kevin was on port and could not turn fast enough so was given a penalty. He soon passed me again and crossed the line ahead but had failed to do a penalty turn and forfeited the race.

Receivers

I have purchased some spare receivers and these can be bought by members from me if they require a replacement:

HobbyKing HK-T4A

HK-TR6A for HK-T4A version 1 TX, with slave.

HK-TR6A V2 for HK-T4A V2 version 2 TX only.

Spektrum DX5e DSM2 compatible

Orange R610V2 -DSM2 compatible

Orange R618 XL -DSM2/DSMX long aerial leads

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Next Week(s):

December 11: Summer Series 5

December 18: Summer Series 6

December 25: Christmas break

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