

# Sailing 11 December 2016

## Summer Series 5



The race day of November 27<sup>th</sup> was abandoned due to high winds. It was frequently gusting to 24kph and I had measured one gust over 28kph.

While a race was started the conditions were too wild to continue (left).

Today also had strong winds, but not as strong, only occasionally did it give problems.

With only 7 members turning up we dispensed with umpires. One of George and Reuben's friends from Switzerland started the races, took some photos and took down the finish order.

Reuben Muir had his sail servo give problems and he took club boat 19. Pierre du Plessis had problems with his receiver and so he took my old number 1. Later Pierre went home and 19 gave rudder servo problems do Reuben then sailed the old number 1.

Garry Irwin had his jib boom bracket fail. He replaced this with some string but this too failed and the rig came down, so he also went home early leaving just 5 to sail the last three races.

We also had another problem with the wind. While we were racing a gust blew the results away and these could not be found so we had to recreate half the race results.

A couple of times I was ahead of the line at the start and had problem tacking to get back due to gusts. In race 5 I couldn't tack on the first leg and went right to the far side of the pond before I could turn but this worked in my favour as a shift took me from there directly to the top mark and put me in the lead.

*Photo below: I was caught the wrong side of the line as the count for race 3 gets to zero.*



I won races 2, 4 and 5 to get the top score today of 9. George Stead won races 1 and 6, his total of 11 was 2<sup>nd</sup> top today and keeps his lead in the series. Bruce Watson was 3<sup>rd</sup> today with a total of 12 from 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

Neil Purcell won race 3 by a large margin.



*Neil Purcell, leading approaching the first mark above, won race 3 by a large margin.*



*I lead George to the penultimate mark, race 5.*

## Members

Ivan Fraser came to the pond for a short time today. He has been back in hospital for some of the last few weeks. He is back on his feet but has lost some weight and is somewhat weakened by his ordeal.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

## Next Week(s):

**December 18: Summer Series 6**

**December 25: Christmas break**

**January 1: New Year break**

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