

# Sailing 18 December 2016

## Summer Series 6

This morning I was at the beach and there was no wind at all, a light mist was on the sea. It slowly picked up through the morning and by lunch time was quite a strong northerly breeze. It did die away at times during the racing and was quite shifty.

Races wins were well distributed today. Races were won by Bruce Watson, Simon Adamson, George Stead, Garry Irwin, Reuben Muir and Tom Clark.

George Stead was top boat today with a total of 14 and this increases his lead in the series. Bruce Watson was 2<sup>nd</sup> today, just 1 point behind on 15. Kevin Webb was third with 16 points.



*On many occasions a group of several boats tried rounding a mark together, sometimes with poor outcomes.*



A fun race held after the series races had Neil Purcell leading on the last leg, but he was carrying a penalty. As he did his penalty turn Bruce Watson came through to take the win.

## State of the Pond

The council say they have set the fountains to run between 7:30am and 8:30am and between 5pm and 6pm for three days a week. This is a total of 6 hours a week which hardly seems enough for oxygenation and circulation.

With only a little rain in the last week the SG has gone up to 1.016, just over 50% sea water. Last week there was some algae growing at the tree end of the pond. There was no sign of this today.

## Holiday Break

The next two weeks are the Christmas and New Year break. Racing resumes on 8<sup>th</sup> January with the Aggregate Match Racing Series. The final of the Summer Series will be the following week.

## Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

*Photo below: George is well ahead in race 3 on his way to winning it..*

## Next Week(s):

**December 25: Christmas break**

**January 1: New Year break**

**January 8: Aggregate Match Race 2**

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