

Sailing November 2016

Summer Series START

The forecast was for rain, but this never eventuated. The wind was North-West and very variable and shifty, but usually a good strength.

The course was set and a practice race was run. This showed the course was a bit short for the fast speeds obtained so it was revised to give 3 windward legs.

13 members turned up. Mike McCaw had a servo fail so he took the club boat 19. New member Steve Sharp had his boat fail, too, and he took my old 01. In the divisional start race these two boats led for most of the race (photo).

John Macaulay had his rudder come loose in a race which gave some directional issues.

Race 4 had the wind die just at the first boats started, which left later starters struggling to get to the line. Mostly, though it gave fast racing.



George Stead was top boat today with a win and 3 2nd places and a total of 11. Perhaps he should have been left in A division.

Bruce Watson won race 4. A couple of 2nd gave a total of 13 for 2nd top boat today. John Macaulay won race 4, a total of 20 was 3rd today.

Kevin Webb won races 2 and 5. Mike McCaw won race 6. George (2nd from right) had been chasing down the two leaders and at the finish was just a couple of lengths behind while Neil Purcell (2nd from left) had passed Steve at the last mark to get the first 3 from C, B and A.



New Member

Steve Sharp had visited us sailing a few weeks ago. Today he joined the club and sailed with us. His boat, 45, failed so he used my old 01.

State of the Pond

The padlocks on the weir gates have been ground off and replaced by one that should survive better. The salt level has been rising now that the rains are much less and the SG is up to 1.011 which is about 40% sea water.

I had turned the fountains on last weekend and left them running. This should bring the oxygen level up which will help keep the algae away and prevent the pond from smelling in the hot weather to come.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

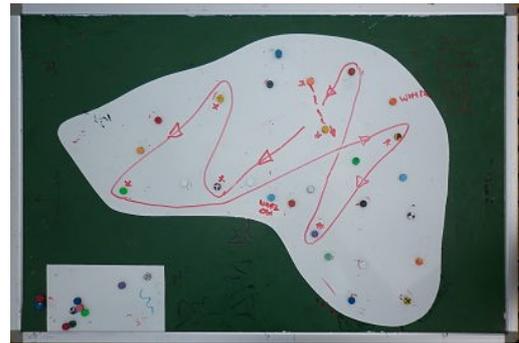


Photo below: 1 and 19 leading up to red on lap 1 while most B division are getting to yellow.

Next Week(s):

November 13: Summer Series 2

November 20: Summer Series 3

November 27: Summer Series 4

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