

Sailing 9 April 2017

Autumn Series FINAL

During the week the pond had been up over the road from the cyclone left over from Aussie. The water was almost all fresh, just 1.001 SG, but not 'fresh' being very brown from soil runoff (I hope). It was just over the path today, but not a problem.

In race 1 Kevin Webb and Neil Purcell took a large lead on the rest early on. I managed to cross the gap and on the final downwind passed Neil and got an inside overlap on Kevin at the last mark. On the final windward to the line we swapped leads a couple of times but I eventually got to the line to win by a length.

Race 2 had Neil and Kevin moving through the earlier starters to get to the lead, this time Neil took the win with Kevin and John Macaulay taking the places.

I got a good start in race 3 with George Stead hard on my stern. At the top mark on the second lap I managed to get around while George stalled and I quickly moved out to a good sized lead. On the final downwind several got some wind from behind and were catching me quickly. I managed to lead around the final mark but the wind was very shifty and at one point 3 boats were ahead of me, but they tacked off while I went inshore and got a shift taking me to the line. John came from behind on my windward side with more speed and got to the line about 5mm before me. George Stead 3rd.

Race 4 had Ian Power leading by a good margin around the first lap with Garry Irwin chasing him. Neil and George caught them, Neil getting his second win with Garry 2nd, George pushing Ian back to 4th.

Race 5 had Bruce Watson getting the lead early with Kevin and John on his tail. These two eventually pushed Bruce back into 3rd,



In the final, divisional start, race it was Ian again that took the lead but George was closing (left). Ian held this lead to the end of lap 1 (photo below) where they had a substantial lead on the rest.

Kevin had a problem with his batteries and did not

start the race but joined 1 lap down as George went through the line.

George passed Ian and he and Kevin tangled all the way around with George getting the win while Kevin had to go around again. John got away from the rest of the fleet for 2nd and Bruce eventually got 3rd.

John Macaulay was top boat today with one win and 2nds and 3rds for a total of 10. Kevin Webb was 2nd with 12 points from one win and some 2nds. George Stead was 3rd from one win and a couple of 3rds for a total of 13.

In the divisional series Neil Purcell and Kevin Webb had the same top score of 24 in A.

Autumn Series 2017 results:

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| 1 st | Richard Plinston | 52 |
| 2 nd | George Stead | 56 |
| 3 rd | Kevin Webb | 59 |

Divisional Series 2017 part 1 results:

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| A | Neil Purcell | 24 |
| | Kevin Webb | 24 |
| B | George Stead | 17 |
| C | Pierre du Plessis | 45 |



New Member

Ian Power had visited us last week and sailed the club boat for a while, This week he has bought a Readysat and put it together with the help of Reuben Muir and George Stead.

His boat number is 104.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

April 16: Easter - fun day

April 23: ANZAC - fun day

April 30: Winter Series START

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