

Sailing 15 January 2017

Summer Series FINAL

The wind was strong, gusty and from the west. A squall went through around 1pm and it settled down somewhat after that, but steadily increased later. It became quite unsailable, some pulled out in the 5th race, the 6th race was cancelled. The scores for the best 4 races, with one discard, are adjusted by 5/4 and rounded down.



John Macaulay broke the rudder on 5 before racing started. I had been carrying a spare rudder in my bag all last year but had tidied the bag up over the break

and had put it away so John went home.

With 8 members at the pond we decided that referees were not required but Peter Andrews decided that he might not sail due to the conditions and did ref the first race. He sailed in the 2nd race but then refed the rest of the races.



Kevin Webb and Reuben Muir handled the conditions best, Kevin won two races and Reuben won one. These two had equal top score for the day with and adjusted score of 10.

Neil Purcell (photo left having a dive) had a series of 2nds and 3rds to

get 3rd best score for the day of 12.

Garry Irwin improved as the wind increased and won the last two races that we sailed to get a total score of 13.

George Stead already had an unbeatable lead in the series so his respectable score of 18 today from mid fleet finishes was one of his series discards.

One race day was lost due to high winds cancelling the whole day so the results are from the best 4 out of 6 race days.

Summer Series Results

1 st	George Stead	43
2 nd	Bruce Watson	51
3 rd	Kevin Webb	57

Members and Potential Members

Ivan Fraser came to the pond today to show that he was back out of hospital and recovering, but not enough yet to get back into sailing.

Several members of the public showed interest in the boats and the club. One is currently building two kits that have been in the family for two or three years and hopes to get proficient in sailing with them before he comes racing with us. Another, Gary, has visited the pond a few times and is actively looking for a second hand boat.

Anniversary Weekend Regatta

The Regatta will be on Sunday 29 January 2017. The [Notice of Race](#) has been posted on the web site.

Onepoto is a Magical Park

A new sign at the pond entrance announces that this is a [Magical Park](#). This continues from the NSTA article in July last year about '[Dragons and Dinosaurs](#)' at the park.



State of the Pond

The salt level is up to an SG of 1.021 which should help to keep the weed down. The water was very clean today with the wind blowing anything to the far ends.



Autumn Series

The Autumn Series starts next week. It is sailed for the Autumn Series Cup which is held by the winner for one year along with a miniature which is kept.

The winner in 2016 and current holder is Bruce Watson.

The series will run until the final day on April 9th.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

January 22: Autumn Series START

January 29: Anniversary Regatta

February 5: Aggregate Match Race 3

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