

Sailing 2 July 2017

Aggregate Match Race Series 7

The forecast was for rain and the wind had been very light so I didn't expect a big turnout for the racing. In fact we only had 6 members racing. The rain held off and the wind was mostly a good breeze though there were times that it died away. With the wind northerly we could set the longest course.

The pond was up over the path.

I was first up with Neil Purcell. At the start I was on starboard and could force Neil the wrong side of the start mark to get a few seconds lead on him. I led at the first mark but he closed on the downwind in a very light breeze. I was concentrating on keeping the boat moving and stepped of the path. After I had been pulled out I carried on racing, keeping ahead to take the win. I then went and changed into spare clothes I had in the car.



In the race between John Macaulay and Neil they were side by side for the first lap. Photo left rounding the bottom mark together.

Neil took a small lead on the windward and led around the mark and on the downwind to take the win.

I won all 4 races, the others won two each except Terry O'Neill. With two more race days in the series I have taken the series lead with Neil second.



New Member

Steve Sharp has joined the club with his Seawind marked as ITA-45. He didn't match race with us having arrived after most had been completed but sailed some fleet races afterwards.

Daniel Richards was at the pond with his Wind Warrior number 630. I let him use my 101 between races and in the fleet races.

Match Race Cup 2016

Kevin Webb and I should have been sailing for the Match Race Cup 2016 some months ago but, as usual, it drags on. We had completed the first race in December and I was one race up.

In race 2 I entered on port and mistakenly turned the rudder the wrong way when I went to go under Kevin's stern and so carried a penalty. At the start Kevin was to windward of me, I luffed slightly and Kevin was judged to have not kept clear so the penalties were wiped.

On the windward Kevin took the lead and led around the top mark by a few lengths (photo below) and led at the bottom mark. On the next windward I caught



up and managed to get alongside to leeward. I luffed slightly and Kevin tacked away while I carried on. I held the wind while Kevin fell into a hole leaving me to get a large lead and a win (photo below).



Race 3: on the windward I pulled ahead by a length to round first and held this on the downwind. At the top mark again there was almost no wind. Kevin had caught up. I had no speed and couldn't turn so went well past the mark to build speed to get around. Kevin had tacked to the mark and couldn't lay it and stalled while I got back to the mark and took a large lead on the downwind and the win.

Richard Plinston 3
Kevin Webb 0

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

July 9: Winter Series 7

July 16: Lay day

July 25: Spring Series START

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