

Sailing 23 July 2017

Spring Series START

Yet another week where there were high winds and rain storms during the week and then very light wind on the Sunday. There was a forecast of showers and we did get a couple. The wind did pick up from the West around lunch time but then a shower arrived just before race time and this killed the wind for a while. A heavy shower came after we had finished racing.

A course was set but was shortened before the first race due to light winds.



Photo: Ian (104) and Steve (45) get to first mark ahead of the fleet in race 2.

Top boat today was recently new member Steve Sharp with a win in race 4, his first series race win, and some 2nds to get a total of 12.

Ian Power also had his first series race win in race 5, a scratch start. He then won race 6.

Congratulations to those two for their improvements in such a short time.

John Macaulay had 2nd top score today with 15 points with a win in race 2. Neil Purcell was 3rd just 1 point behind from 2nds, 3rds, and 4ths.

Reuben Muir won the other two races, 1 and 3, and had a 2nd in race 2, but was at the rear of the fleet for the other races to be 4th equal with Tom Clark.

Photo below: Race 2. The rest of the fleet chasing Ian and Steve.



Match Race Cup 2016

Last week Kevin Webb and I sailed races 4 and 5 of the 9 race series for the Match Race Cup. The wind was light and shifty.

Kevin had starboard entry for race 4 and I was slow in entering the start box. This gave Kevin the opportunity to get along the start line and hold me out until the count of 40 to give me a penalty. I was unable to get a penalty back before the start and this left Kevin able to get a good lead that he held to the finish.



Race 5 had Kevin start just a length ahead but he was able to increase this for another win.

Match Race Cup 2016, best of 9 series:

Richard Plinston	3
Kevin Webb	2

Fraser Cup and McCaw Cup

The B and C division Match Race Cups should have been sailed for during the Winter series but the competitors have not been together at the pond for the racing to be started, nor was the weather suitable. Now George Stead has gone overseas for the rest of the club year. It may be necessary to revise the format to get results.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

July 30: Spring Series 2

August 6: Aggregate Match Race 8

August 13: Spring Series 3

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