

# Sailing 18 June 2017

## Winter Series 5

Yet another Sunday where it was light in the morning and picked up in the afternoon. This time there was fog early on and zero wind. The Electrons did manage to get through a handful of races.

With the wind North-East we could set a long windward from 'bridge yellow' to yellow on the far side with a dogleg giving a second windward to top red.



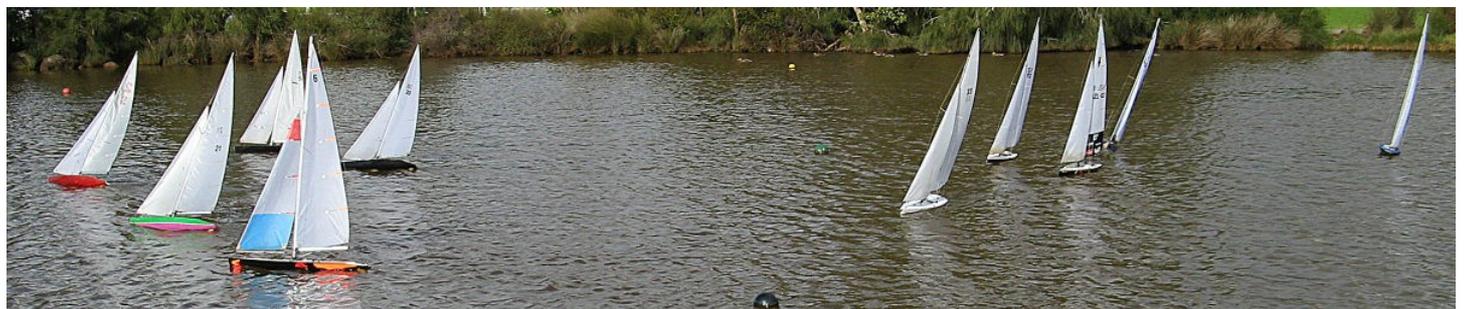
The race 1 start is shown at left and at foot of page. The group at the left end of the start line, starting on port tack, got away well while those at the far end starting on starboard were shut out by a shift.



Tom Clark, red boat on left, stepped out to take the lead and to increase it to be a leg ahead when he took the win (photo left).



Around the top mark Simon Adamson and Kevin Webb were too close and they hooked together. The culprit was Kevin's main clew cleat on the side of boom catching Simon's shroud. These cleats should be moved forward so they don't go outside the deck line or to the top or bottom of the boom. The cleat had previously caught me.



Neil Purcell had led the rest for a while but dropped back when he was about to go through the start line on the downwind. Bruce Watson took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Neil fought back to get 3<sup>rd</sup> in fact he was third in every race today.

Race 2 had Terry O'Neill take the lead early and got every shift and breeze to get out to half the length of the pond by the time he took the win. Peter Andrews held on to get 2<sup>nd</sup>. Neil 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Kevin won races 3 and 6 and had 2<sup>nd</sup> places in 4 and 5. Tom had a second win in race 4 with Bruce Watson winning race 5.

Kevin Webb was top boat today from his two wins with 14 points. 3 members were equal 2<sup>nd</sup> with 15 points: Tom Clark also with 2 wins, Neil Purcell, and Bruce Watson with 1 win.

In the series with 3 days counting and 2 dropped Tom Clark and Neil Purcell are in equal first place with Bruce Watson 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Members:** George Stead is away to Europe for the next 4 months. Brian Stiff has returned to racing today.

### Richard Plinston, President NZRYS



*The group following Tom in race 1: Bruce, Neil, John Macaulay and Peter Andrews; round the final 'top red' mark.*

### Next Week(s):

**June 25: Winter Series 6**

**July 2: Aggregate Match Race 7**

**July 9: Winter Series 7**

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