

Sailing 26 March 2017

Autumn Series 6

The forecast was rain and we did get a heavy downfall during race 3 (photo at foot of page). Other than that it was a good sailing breeze from the North with a bit of shiftiness.

Reuben Muir had his rudder servo go up in smoke after race 2, probably from an internal short. He took the club boat 19 for the rest of the races. George Stead had his sail servo fail at the end of race 4. It swung one way when the battery was connected and didn't respond to the transmitter. He used the referees' boats in the final two races: Garry Irwin's and Tom Clark's.

Gary McKenzie had taken his boat to 360 Marine, which is now in West Harbour Marina, but it was giving rudder troubles which may be range problems. He went aground on the far side and the mast came down during recovery.

John Macaulay also had rudder problems in race 5. He has recently replaced the rear frame and the rudder. He managed to get it working again for the final race.

Garry Irwin was top boat today. 2 wins, a 2nd and a 3rd and an assessed win gave him a total of 8. When he refed George used his boat and won.

Terry O'Neill won the final race, his total of 15 was 2nd for today. George and I were 3rd equal today with 16 points. George had won race 5 (with me 2nd after passing Terry in the final stages) and I had won race 1. Kevin Webb won race 2.

I hold onto the series lead with Bruce Watson and George Stead 2nd equal.



Start of race 3 with Terry and Reuben getting it right.



How not to round a mark. Boats sailing too close to each other prevent anyone turning. Boats turn by swinging their stern. 30 can't turn because 94's bow is blocking. The rest are trapped.

In the divisional race the three B division boats got away to a good sized lead and kept close together. I worked the shifts to lead the A division at the top mark and raced away while the rest struggled to the mark. I was catching the B block, but at the finish I was still a couple of lengths short.



State of the Pond

I suspect that someone had complained about the "waste of water" in running the fountains because there is now a sign explaining it uses pond water.

The SG is up to 1.008.

Seawind for sale. John Crawford wrote: I haven't attended any meets for a few years and am now considering selling my Kyosho racing yacht. Contact me at - craw48@icloud.com.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

April 2: Aggregate Match Race 5

April 9: Autumn Series FINAL

April 16: Easter - fun day

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