

# Sailing 1 October 2017

## Aggregate Match Race Series FINAL

There were strong winds and stronger gusts. A rain squall came through just before 2pm, from which we took shelter at the clubroom, and afterwards the wind quietened down.

We were slightly late starting the racing but with just 6 members racing there were only 12 races. Wayne was at the pond without a boat and he ran the races and took the photos.



First up was Neil Purcell and I. I got a penalty in the prestart on Neil with a port-starboard (photo left) but this pulled my jib out of adjustment so a restart was called.

Again, I got a port-starboard penalty on Neil

and took the lead. He was catching on the final downwind and at the top mark I stalled and Neil drove past and then led to the finish.



In my race against Reuben Muir I had a small lead at the start (photo above) and led at the first mark and increased the lead on the downwind. As I approached the leeward mark I could see a gust coming from behind and got around the mark just in time. As I staggered upwind Reuben was caught by the gust and broached. He was unable to turn downwind and was half a leg behind by the time he managed to get control and round the mark.

The next race was Kevin Webb and Alan Smith, the wind was lighter and fluctuating, Alan took an initial lead while Kevin struggled to get moving.



Alan held the lead on the 2<sup>nd</sup> upwind (photo above) but Kevin finally caught him on the final leg (photo top next column) and took the win.



*Kevin and Alan in a gust approaching finish..*

There was a light shower during racing but heavy rain came during the last round of races.

Neil Purcell and Kevin Webb won 3 of their 4 races so were top boats today.

### Aggregate Series Results:

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Richard Plinston</b>	<b>42</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Kevin Webb</b>	<b>41</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Reuben Muir</b>	<b>40</b>

Because I won the Match Race Cup 2016 (see below) I am ineligible to be the challenger so Kevin wins the Challenger's Trophy.

### Match Race Cup 2016

Finally, the year long wait for the results of the Match Race Cup from last year is over. Kevin Webb and I were both at the pond together and we were going to race until a result.

Kevin was away to a better start and led at the top mark by two or three lengths. He increased this on the downwind and held it on the next upwind. As he went around the top mark I had positioned myself to be on starboard and managed to make him avoid me, in doing so he lost a couple of lengths.

At the bottom mark I had caught up was just a length behind. Kevin went on starboard while I tacked onto a shift and when we came back I was able to take a small lead and take the win and the series:

### Match Race Cup 2016

<b>Richard Plinston</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Kevin Webb</b>	<b>2</b>

I would still appreciate **proposals** for the **AGM** and **articles** for the 'Upwind' newsletter.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

**Next Week(s):**

**October 8: President's Regatta**

**October 15: Lay Day**

**October 22: Labour Day Weekend - Fun day**

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