

Sailing 17 September 2017

Spring Series FINAL

19 boats were at one time laid out on the grass, but this did include the club boat and my old number 1 as these had been used by potential new members. Take these away, and the ref, there were up to 16 boats in a race. Photo at foot shows 15 boats in race 4 with Terry O'Neil leading and just about to round 'black'.

The wind started out quite strong but moderated during racing and as the final race was coming to a close the wind died away to nothing at 'tree blue' for a while.

In race 1 the start was recalled because several did not hear the start countdown. On the restart Matt Robbmarkham (M) got to the mark first but Reuben Muir was on starboard at speed and led away (photo below) on the downwind and went



out to a large lead on the next upwind. He held this to take the win, and in fact won all three scratch races by large margins.

Race 2 had Alan Smith go out to a handy lead from the start which he held right up to 'tree blue' going into the final downwind. Neil Purcell had been leading the group chasing him down and passed him at that mark to take the lead and the win. Alan 2nd, Peter Andrews 3rd.



Alan leading around 'black'. Neil and Peter chasing, no one else close.

Steve Sharp led at mark 1 in race 4 followed by Matt but Terry O'Neil soon chased them down to take the lead and the win (photo at foot at black).



In the final race it was Geoff Letcher and Alan that led much of the way but Tom Clark passed them to take the win.

Neil Purcell was top boat today with a new sail servo after last week's failure he had one win and some 2nd places for a total of 12. He held onto 3rd place in the series.

Reuben was 2nd with his 3 wins and a total of 15. He wins the series. Terry O'Neil was 3rd today on 17 from one win.

Spring Series Results

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| 1 st | Reuben Muir | 45 |
| 2 nd | Richard Plinston | 50 |
| 3 rd | Neil Purcell | 57 |



Reuben Muir and his 196 taken last week

Divisional Series 2 Results

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| A | Richard Plinston | 22 |
| B | Tom Clark | 18 |
| C | Ian Power | 40 |

Potential and New Members

Laurie Glover and Wayne showed interest in Seawinds and they sailed the club boat and my old number 1 for a while before racing. They stayed to watch the competition and Wayne took many photos with my camera, including the ones in this report.

Geoff Letcher, another brought along by Reuben, had a new boat but no number yet. He raced with us and got a 2nd place in the final race.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

September 24: Lay day

October 1: Aggregate Match Race FINAL

October 8: President's Regatta

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