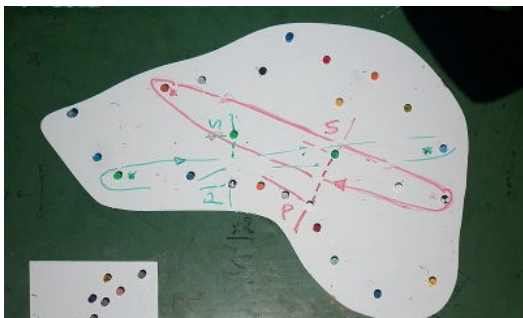


Sailing 3 December 2017

Aggregate Match Race Series 1

An initial course had been set (red) for the wind as somewhat west of North. It shifted to slightly east so another course was set (green), the final decision to be made at 2pm. In the end the green course was used.



14 members at the pond required 28 races to be completed. Keeping 3 races on the course most of the time had us finished before 4pm.

First up was myself and Neil Purcell. After checking the boat, when I launched it, it failed to respond and drifted to the far side. Meanwhile a couple of following races were started while I recovered it and found it working.

On the restart, Neil and I were side by side for most of the race until the final mark when I edged ahead. Neil then parked his boat on a buoy giving me the win.

This also happened in my final race with Simon Adamson. This time it went to the far side then, as I got there it was blown off and went back to where we were starting from. This time I couldn't get it going and had to fetch my backup Prada 1. On the start I got a penalty on Simon from which he didn't recover.



Meanwhile the first races away were Peter Andrews and Bruce Watson followed by John Macaulay and George Stead. Photo above shows Peter leading Bruce upwind while John leads George downwind. Eventually it was Bruce and George that won these races.

John Hinton and Dan Leahy stayed on after racing Electrons. John had his 24 but Dan took the club boat. This had its batteries fail at the start of his last race but they were quickly changed.



In the race between Dan and Bruce they clashed and locked together. Neil and Terry O'Neill tried to steer them to shore, or to separate them but only managed to get locked into the raft. Eventually the group drifted to shore where they were freed. Their race was restarted.



Terry O'Neill and Ian Power keeping it close.

George Stead was top boat today, winning all his races. Myself, John Macaulay, Neil Purcell, Terry O'Neill and Bruce Watson each won 3 of their 4 races to be equal 2nd place.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Members - Jim Keogh

We went to the wake for Jimmy Keogh yesterday afternoon - lots of people and a few of Ian's art colleagues. Apparently Jimmy was taken to visit Onepoto just before he died - not sure morning or afternoon but apparently was happy to get back to the pond and see what was going on.

Carol and Ian Bergquist

Next Week(s):

December 10: Summer Series 5

December 17: Summer Series 6

December 24: Christmas break

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