

Sailing 19 November 2017

Summer Series 3

The pond was a wind minefield today. It was extremely shifty with dead patches abounding. At least the showers that came in the morning had dispersed.

At the start of race 1 I picked the correct end of the line and hit it on time at speed which got me to the first mark in the lead. Neil Purcell and Reuben Muir weren't too far behind and the three of us left a large gap back to the rest of the fleet. We swapped lead all the way around but it was Neil that took the win while I pulled ahead of Reuben.

Race 2 had Terry O'Neill benefiting from his handicap and catching all the shifts as he took a huge lead all the way to the win. Reuben and Tom Clark battled side-by-side with myself just behind them with another gap to the rest. Reuben eventually getting 2nd.

In race 3 it was Kevin Webb that got the start right and led at mark 1 with Reuben and Neil chasing close behind. Tom and Wayne Carkeek were up with these but clashed at a mark and tangled their masts (photo left) and withdrew.

Kevin won the next two races with Reuben getting more places. George Stead was placed 2nd in one and I was 3rd in the other. Kevin also almost caught the leading B division boats in the final race but Neil and Terry held on and Kevin had to settle for 3rd.

With 3 wins Kevin was top boat today (photo left winning race 3) and now leads the series. Neil and Reuben were equal 2nd today on 12 and are also 2nd equal in the series.



Members

Dan Leahy and John Hinton returned to sailing Seawinds today. Dan used the club boat 19 but the batteries failed after 3 races. John's sail servo failed in race 4.



Boats

My 101 now has a new mast and I decided to give it a new set of sail as well. The Prada number 1 that sank a few weeks ago had been tested and readied a week or so ago and today I just put it in the back of the car. It was to be used but the rudder servo had seized. It was OK after the sinking but seems the shaft has rusted since.



Gary McKenzie was at the pond and showed the cause of his sinking. The rear frame had a section missing around the rudder tube and when the frame side broke it released the pressure and flooded.

Buoys

Wayne and I recovered another three buoys and replaced them. Two could reuse the weights but new ropes and floats were added. The floats will be cleaned and repainted.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

November 26: Summer Series 4

December 3: Aggregate Match Race 1

December 10: Summer Series 5

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Photo below: Start of race 3. Note boat in background ashore. It hadn't been switched on.