

# Sailing 26 November 2017

## Summer Series 4

The wind was Northerly today which gave us a course with the longest windward leg plus a second windward from bridge yellow.

In race 1 I took an early lead with Bruce Watson and Tom Clark catching me on the downwind.

The three of us swapped leads several times while keeping a good sized gap back to the rest of the fleet. Tom lead at the final bridge buoy but Bruce and I got a lift and I led around the penultimate mark. Bruce did better on the leg to the finish to take the win.

The wind died on the first leg of race 2 but I managed to keep moving and sailed past most of the boats to take the lead. On the downwind Kevin Webb caught a gust and rushed up to me and passed. The two of us fought all the way around the course until on the final leg I managed to get past to windward and took the win. Alan Smith held off the rest of the fleet to get 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

In race 3 it was Kevin, George Stead and I that broke away from the fleet. Again, it was the leg from bridge to red that sorted out the positions and I led there to take a second win.

Neil Purcell ran away in race 4 taking a lead that was half the length of the pond while George and Kevin worked through the rest to take the places.



Neil was first to mark 1 in race 5 (photo above, start below). On the downwind Kevin and George caught him and passed on the windward to red. Bruce caught this group and, at the next windward mark they were all close but Kevin was on starboard getting to the mark and forced George away to retake the lead (photo top next col) and, eventually, the win.



Tom Clark won race 6 with Neil 2<sup>nd</sup> and I 3<sup>rd</sup>. I was top boat with 8 points. Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup> today with 10 points and holds series lead. Neil 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Members

The Herald last Thursday listed the passing of Jim Keogh with a service to be held on Sunday 26 November at Siostra, 472 Richmond Road, Grey Lynn

## Buoys

I had prepared another couple of buoy weights and Wayne had brought along new floats and his friend Hugo Cruz in wet suit with a paddle board.



We recovered and replaced 3 buoys along the path and Hugo (photo above) paddled out to replace 4 on the far side while Wayne and I recycled or replaced parts and Tom did some cleaning off of the freshwater mussels.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

## Next Week(s):

**December 3: Aggregate Match Race 1**

**December 10: Summer Series 5**

**December 17: Summer Series 6**

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