

## Sailing 8 October 2017

### President's Cup Regatta

The weather was so miserable this morning that the Electrons didn't sail. It did start to clear around midday, though, and before 2pm it was quite sunny with a nice Northerly breeze. There was a shower during racing but generally a good day.

Only nine members at the pond today including Wayne Carkeek finally with his new Readysset. Two courses were set out and it was decided to use the shorter one to get through the 9 races required. Colours were drawn and applied to the backstays.



*Kevin leads Terry and I in race 1*

Terry O'Neill took an early lead in race 1 but Kevin Webb caught and passed him at 'Bridge'. Reuben Muir had been at the rear at the first mark but worked through the fleet and eventually took 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Kevin's win.



*Neill leads race 2 on the way to a win.*

Race 2 had Neil Purcell leading at mark 1 and he held this all the way to the finish. Bruce Watson, far left in the photo above, getting 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Kevin won the next two races with Neill and Reuben getting 2<sup>nd</sup> in those. Bruce won race 5 with Reuben 2<sup>nd</sup>.



In race 6 it was Wayne Carkeek that led at mark 1 with Kevin close behind. These two rushed away from the rest. Kevin eventually caught and passed Wayne on lap 2 at  
*Left: Kevin dips behind.*



*Left: Kevin passes. Right: Wayne wins*

'Tree blue'. Wayne fought back on the windward and led around the last two marks to take his first race win in a club event.

Reuben won the next two races but Kevin took the final race and this gave him the top score with 4 wins and a 2<sup>nd</sup> to win the President's Cup.

### Fraser Cup Match Racing

We finally had Tom Clark and Terry O'Neill at the pond together. It had been impossible to get the B class contestants to sail the challenger's series for the cup so it had been decided that Tom would challenge Terry, who was the current holder. It was agreed to be a 3 race series. In the first race the two boats were close together on the windward to the first mark. Tom took a small lead and even at the bottom mark they were bow to transom. Tom pulled away on the next windward and held this for the win.



Straight into the second race, Tom took the lead, but going into lap 2 he eased off and Terry took a shift to narrowly grab the lead on the next cross (photo left). With the wind dying at the top mark, Tom lost way and Terry stretched out the lead and took the win.

With the score at one all, Terry's sail servo failed so the series will have to continue next week.

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**Next Week(s):**

**October 15: Lay Day**

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

**October 29: AGM**

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