

## Sailing 8 April 2018

### Aggregate match Racing 5

The wind was quite light in the morning but filled in around midday. It was swinging between south-west and west and did die away at times but was generally good.

First up was George Stead and I who were equal top in the series. George had previously said that he would be out of Auckland today but he changed his flights to be at the pond. We could start early. George was ahead at the start but he went to the right side, by the path, while I went left and picked up a stronger wind to lead around the first mark. On the next windward he caught up at the top mark but had to put in another tack to get around and I led away to get the win.



In my race with Ian he took the lead away from the start (photo above by Kevin) but as we got to the tree corner I had pointed slightly higher to take the lead when we tacked towards the first mark. I then held the lead to the win.



Neil led Kevin at the first mark (photo left) but Kevin was faster on the downwind and got an inside overlap to take the lead and eventually the win.

I won all 4 of my races. Tom Clark, Bruce Watson and Simon Adamson won 3 of their 4.



Next was Neil Purcell and Terry O'Neill. They kept it close (photo above) right through to the final leg, Terry was just behind Neil around the last mark but he fell into a hole letting Neil win.



Laurie Glover and Ian Power started quite evenly (photo left). Laurie pulled ahead on the windward and led around the first mark. On the downwind Ian caught up but still trailed at the mark. On the upwind Ian handled the shifts and led at the windward and held for the win.

Kevin Webb handed a penalty in the prestart to Simon Adamson who was to windward of him as a gust heeled Simon into Kevin's sails. Simon led across the start and did his turn getting close to Kevin's transom. This gave Kevin the lead but he seemed to get all the adverse shifts, trailed at the top mark and never recovered, Simon taking the win.

Both foster Wilkinson and Alan Smith were over the line at the start of their race and they had to return and restart. Foster won that race.

### State of the Pond

A week and a half ago a worker paddled out to the fountains in a canoe and removed the heads. He then flushed the pipes, giving a high, straight fountain. Then the heads were restored. Since then the fountains have been running on a timer, though with reduced height compared to before. This has improved the water clarity and quality, and today the bottom could be seen. The salt level is also quite stable around 1.010 because the fountains are bringing high tide water up from the far end.

Parking spontaneously reverted to as it was a couple of years ago with cars angle parked between the tree boxes ignoring the yellow dashed lines while opposite they ignored the bays and parallel parked. This improved the traffic flow, as it was before the council changed the layout.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

**Next Week(s):**

**April 15: Autumn Series FINAL**

**April 22: ANZAC - fun day**

**April 29: Winter Series START**

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