

Sailing 22 April 2018

ANZAC Weekend



The wind was very variable and shifty today, but generally a good breeze. A few simple races were held by the 8 members that were at the pond today. This collision (left) occurred at the top mark. Neil's boat managed to break free leaving the other two to drift to shore.



Match Race Cup 2017 - Race 2

Kevin and I need to get on with this race series and today's race was only the 2nd in the 9 race series.



Kevin got the better start and led around the first mark (photo above by John). He went to the centre of the course on the downwind and I was able to go left and get a better breeze to lead around the bottom mark.

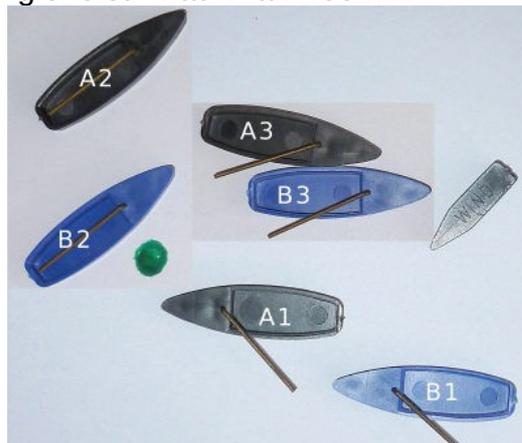


On the next windward I kept a cover (above) but with the shifting wind Kevin was able to catch up and tacking on a shift he crossed ahead and led at the mark. This time on the downwind Kevin could hold the wind. While I did catch up on the leg to the finish it was Kevin's race.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Incident at Green Mark

During practice there was a 'discussion' about a mark rounding. Two boats approached a mark on a broad reach, wind on starboard quarter. to turn around it starboard hand, 180 degrees. The boat ahead (A) went close to the mark (1) before turning and was wide of the mark on exit. The boat behind (B) started the turn wide and went inside A and came out slightly ahead. Both were now on port tack close hauled with A to windward. A continued to turn and hit B (3) claiming she still had 'mark room'.



CASE 63 At a mark, when space is made available to a boat that is not entitled to it, she may, at her own risk, **take advantage of the space.**

Rule 18.2(d): Rules 18.2(b) and (c) cease to apply when the boat entitled to mark-room has been given that mark-room, or **if she passes head to wind or leaves the zone.**

As both boats tacked during the turn then A had passed head to wind well before the collision and rule 11 applies:

11 ON THE SAME TACK, OVERLAPPED

*When boats are on the same tack and overlapped, a **windward boat shall keep clear** of a leeward boat..*

If the boats had collided while tacking, after having passed head to wind, then rule 13 would apply, A would have to keep clear:

13 WHILE TACKING

*After a boat passes head to wind, she shall keep clear of other boats until she is on a close-hauled course. During that time rules 10, 11 and 12 do not apply. If two boats are subject to this rule at the same time, **the one on the other's port side** or the one astern **shall keep clear.***

Next Week(s):

April 29: Winter Series START

May 6: Aggregate match Race Series 6

May 13: Mother's Day - fun day

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