

Sailing 29 April 2018

Winter Series - Start

The wind was northerly and was reasonably strong but still shifty and variable. The forecast rain didn't show up and it was still quite warm.



The course was set to use the whole length of the pond. There was somewhat less wind at the top mark due to the trees and the leg from this to green was quite tricky with gusts from various directions.

I had made a bad start in **race 1** and was well behind. At the first mark there was some clustering in light winds and then on the leg to the next mark (green) a strong gust had several boats rounding up and broaching with some hitting the path. I managed to slip through these to get a better position. My jib sheet caught in its adjuster and I had to sail with the main eased which made tacking difficult but I managed to get the boat to shore to clear this before going into lap 2. Later, going to Bridge Yellow, Wayne Carkeek was just ahead of me when a strong gust rounded him towards the wrong side of the mark. He turned hard but was just too late and he went very close on the wrong side and caught his keel which nose dived him about 45 degrees. Reuben Muir had led the whole race getting further ahead on each leg, George Stead 2nd and I got to the line just an inch or two ahead of Neil Purcell.

Race 2 had Foster Wilkinson get a good start and was out well ahead but Reuben ran him down. These two were well in the lead and were not threatened by any others with Terry 3rd. Reuben again got the lead early in **Race 3**. At the end of lap 1 he led by 15 sec and at the finish he won by 29 sec. I was 2nd after passing Laurie Glover in the last couple of legs.

Race 4 had Foster again out in front. This time it was Wayne that caught up to him with a big gap back to Reuben and I. Wayne eventually got past to take the win while Foster held onto 2nd. Reuben was off again in **race 5**, this time with George hanging onto his tail. Neil held off Wayne to get 3rd by just a few inches.

Simon Adamson and I collided at Tree Blue when he couldn't give me mark room. A cleat on his main boom caught on my rigging and this took time to clear. A change at the last AGM ruled out this cleat placement. Please check your boat.



The divisional start in **race 6** kept the boats mostly grouped in their divisions all around the course. Laurie (just rounding orange above) took the lead with Foster close behind. Neil, in B, managed to get amongst the Cs and took 3rd place. Wayne led the A division and got amongst the Bs.

With 4 wins and a 3rd Reuben Muir was top boat today with a total of 7 points. Four had an equal second highest score of 20; Wayne Carkeek with 1 win, Neil Purcell, Laurie Glover with 1 win, and George Stead. Special mention to Foster Wilkinson for 3 second places.

Incident at Green Mark

A question was raised about rule 18, it says: *Rules 18.2(b) and (c) cease to apply when the boat ... or leaves the zone.*

asking if this means that mark-room must be given until boats have rounded the mark and have sailed out of the zone.

The answer is that mark-room is only given when going to the mark and does not apply when the boats have gone past the mark after rounding it. The condition of 'leaves the zone' is when the boat is still going to the mark.

Divisional Series 2

A second Divisional series started today. I had the figures from the first two seasonal series for the racing committee to determine who should move up or down a division. They determined that members will remain in the same divisions as in the first series.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

May 6: Aggregate match Race Series 6

May 13: Mother's Day - fun day

May 20: Winter Series 2

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