

Sailing 12 August 2018

Spring Series 3

It was a lovely day this afternoon. The Electrons suffered from lack of wind and even with a short course they only managed half their usual races. The wind picked up in the afternoon as the day warmed up and most of the time there was a good sailing breeze.

Reuben and I pulled out the temporary buoy that had been put in last week as I had brought along a permanent one. I threw it in but it didn't go far enough so a line was sailed around it and we dragged it into position.

There were 15 members today, though new member Russell Green was content to watch and sail clear of the fleet while he learns the ropes.

Reuben set a fairly long course and the first race was fairly slow, but as the wind picked up we were able to get through the full set in good time.

Daniel Leahy used the Club Boat today. Patrick O'Hanlon was having problems with his electrics and used my backup Prada 1.

Race 1 had John Macaulay take off to a good sized lead with Kevin Webb and Neil Purcell chasing. I had taken a couple of penalties and was last at one point but pulled back to be 5th.

In **Race 2** Alan Smith soon took the lead (photo at foot, Alan far left) and stretched this out as the group behind tangled around the marks. Alan took the win while Reuben Muir (white hull at right) and Kevin (black hull still on downwind) managed to get past to take the places.



Race 3 had a crowded start (above) with Terry O'Neill (12) getting a penalty for getting caught out as Reuben (196) and Laurie Glover (15) tacked to keep clear of the fleet on starboard.

Kevin (30) capitalised on his good start and took a large lead on the downwind. Reuben was starting to catch up through the short windward and to 'bridge yellow'. At the end of lap 1 the wind died somewhat



and Reuben was able to get past. Neil and Alan were next at the top mark but John caught and passed them on the back straight. Reuben was well away for the win, Kevin was next at the final mark but John stormed to windward on the last leg and passed Kevin to snatch 2nd place from him.

In **race 4**, a handicap start, the wind was quite light and the fleet ahead had clustered together. I sailed high and passed them in clear wind to lead around the first mark, get clear, and rush away downwind to a large lead which I held to the win. Wayne Carkeek and Alan led the rest of the fleet through the first lap but soon Kevin and John came through. On the final



windward leg John, Kevin and Reuben were side by side. At the finish line (left) John got 2nd while Reuben was 3rd by an inch.

Race 5 was John getting the win

while I held off Reuben for places.



Race 6 soon resolved into Laurie chasing Alan around the course. John lost control and had to be pushed ashore after the race (left) letting Kevin be 3rd.

John was top boat today with 7 points and he takes the lead in the series. Reuben was 2nd with 11, Kevin 3rd on 13.

Peter Andrews - Secretary

Peter had a stroke last weekend and is in North Shore Hospital recovering. A 'Get Well' card was signed by all at the pond today.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

August 19: Spring Series 4

August 26: Spring Series 5

September 2: Father's Day - fun day

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