

Sailing 26 August 2018

Spring Series 5

There was better wind today and from the South-west as forecast. Terry O'Neill had left his transmitter on the kitchen table and so took the club boat for the racing.

Race 1 had Alan Smith take a lead to first mark - white (photo at foot). After a series of lead



changes I managed to take over (above) but I went wrong at white on lap 2 and dropped back with Kevin Webb taking the win followed by Neil Purcell and Terry in the club boat.

Race 2 had Alan take the lead after a couple of legs but this time he held it through to the win with Foster Watkinson and Laurie Glover taking the places.

I took a lead off the line at the port end in **race 3**. Neil was just behind and we caught the breeze to leave a large gap back to the fleet. On the last leg Neil and I were side by side and it was Neil that took the win with Laurie 3rd.

Alan led around lap 1 of **race 4** but as the wind died I took the lead with Neil chasing. While Neil took the lead on the last leg I managed to grab it back at the line to win. Kevin 3rd.

Race 5 had Neil taking the lead with Kevin and I close behind. Neil won, I was 2nd, Kevin 3rd. I The **final race** had Laurie take the lead after a couple of marks with Alan close behind. Halfway through lap 2 Neil caught Alan to claim 2nd.

Neil Purcell was top boat with 8 points from 2 wins and 2 2nds. I was 2nd on 15 from 1 win. Laurie Glover and Kevin Webb were 3rd equal on 16 with 1 win each. The other win went to Alan Smith. Reuben Muir still leads the series.

Match Race Cup 2017 - race 6

Another race before the series had me caught out by the wind dying at the start giving Kevin a lead on the first leg. He then rushed away downwind taking the breeze with him to a win by a large margin. Series status: Kevin 4, Richard 2.

Other News

Peter Andrews is now back home and is mostly mobile. He is still having rehabilitation for his leg but is otherwise fine.

There was another obituary for a Peter Andrews in Saturday's Herald but it was completely different one - again.



It must be spring.



Tom Clark was at the pond with grandchildren but no boat. They sailed my backup Prada 1 for a time.

End of Year - newsletter and AGM

The end of club year is the end of September. The AGM will be a month after that. It

is time for you to think about submitting articles for the newsletter and proposals for next year's racing program.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

September 2: Father's Day - fun day

September 9: Spring Series 6

September 16: Spring Series FINAL

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