

Sailing 11 February 2018

Aggregate Match Race Series 3



The pond was up over the path as could be expected from the rain that we have had over the last few days. Initially when I launched at the reeds my boots were tall enough. The pond was still filling, though, so when went back my boots were overflowed. The wind was northerly and quite variable. There was a short shower. A short time before 2pm there were just 3 of us at the pond so George Stead rang Ian Power and told him to turn up. In the meantime 2 more arrived. With just 6 members and 12 races, we could mostly just have one race on the course. First up was Laurie Glover and I. I warned him that I would try to get a penalty on him at the start and how I would do that. Forewarned, he didn't fall for those attempts but I managed to force him over the line early. He managed to catch up to be close behind at the top mark but I pulled away on the downwind.



Next up were George and Ian. Ian won the start, being up to speed and hit the line on time. He led around the first lap, photo above shows them about to cross into the 2nd lap. On the way back to the top mark George took a shift leaving Ian stalled and he rushed away downwind to take the win.

George coached Foster Wilkinson around the course but Reuben Muir was able to run away for a win.

Ian beat me at the start, in my race with him, and led at the top mark. He went wide at the bottom mark and I was able to cut in close and came out with an overlap on Ian, taking him towards the path and tacked away on a shift to get ahead. I was then able to cover to the finish.



At the start between Reuben and George, George had to dip behind but almost left it too late and nearly collided with Reuben's masthead (photo). George had the lead at the top mark but, on the downwind, Reuben pulled level for a while but it was George that pulled ahead around

the mark and held this to the win.



At the start between Foster and Laurie it was Laurie that pulled away but some heavy gusts had them struggling to tack and it was Foster around first (photo left). Foster took a wide rounding at the bottom mark and Laurie came in close to retake the lead for the windward. Again,

gusts were a problem and Foster took the lead as Laurie staggered in the tacks. This time Foster took a close turn on the downwind mark and took the win, his first in the series. In my race with Reuben he took the lead and was well ahead on the downwind but broached in a gust allowing me to rush past while he tried to recover.

George and I won all 4 of our races and this makes us top equal in the series.

Some fleet races afterwards were won by George with Reuben close behind.

Members: Souper Soon

Would you please pass on my sincere thanks to the members for their best wishes regarding my recent ailment. Am making good progress and should be back at the pond before too long. Best regards, Peter

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

February 18: Autumn Series 2

February 25: Autumn Series 3

March 4: Aggregate Match Race 4

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