

# Sailing 18 February 2018

## Autumn Series 2

The wind was North-East again and quite light at times. Later in the racing it did pick up to a nice breeze.

A family with a couple of young boys showed interest in the boats so I let them use my 101 and the club boat for almost an hour while I took the results for the Electrons.

Kevin Webb turned up with his boat missing the rear hatch. He had taken it off to work on the rudder and left it on the bench. He tried using the hatch off my old number 1 spare boat but it did not fit. He took the club boat for the racing.

In **race 1** Laurie Glover got a great start at the port end of the start line while most started at the other end on starboard, but that end was disadvantaged by an adverse shift.

Laurie rushed away and took a good sized lead at the first mark. With no other boat around him he could sail his own race and increased the lead through to the finish for the win.

I also started at the port end and cut across in front of the rest of the fleet to lead them around the marks. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> mark George Stead, Wayne Carkeek and Kevin Webb were very close behind me but all tried to round together and locked side by side while I rushed away to chase Laurie.

**Race 2** had Terry O'Neill take the lead from the higher handicapped and hold this for most of the rest of the race but Wayne managed to get past to snatch the win from him.

Kevin had adjusted the sails on the club boat and this allowed him to outsail the others and win **race 3** with Wayne and Reuben Muir placing.

In **race 4** the higher handicapped boats started in lighter winds and were passed quite soon. In the final leg (photo below) George (far right) was to windward and took the win on the skewed finish line. Reuben (far left) was 2<sup>nd</sup> by just laying the far end of the line, and Wayne (black) out tacked

Terry and Alan Smith to get 3<sup>rd</sup> by a whisker. The wind had increased for **race 5** and my boat was going better. I hit the start line on time and at speed at the favoured starboard end mark. This shot me into the lead at mark one which I managed to increase around the first lap. Reuben chased me down and, going into lap 2, he managed to pull alongside to leeward. He split tacks to try to gain but I got the shifts going my way and against him so I pulled away again to get the win.

In **race 6**, with a divisional start, Alan started on time and in the lead. The wind held for the earlier starters and Alan was untroubled as he could work the shifts to increase his lead and take his first series win. Congratulations to Alan. Ian Power led the rest to be 2<sup>nd</sup>. The A division never caught any of the other divisions, though Foster Wilkinson was just a couple of inches ahead of me at the finish.

Wayne Carkeek was top boat today with 12 points, I was 2<sup>nd</sup> one point behind and George Stead 3<sup>rd</sup>. Reuben Muir still leads the series with Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## State of the Pond

The rain has dropped the salt content and also made the water quite brown with mud runoff. I made another attempt at removing the top plank of the weir gate because the Electrons complained about the water over the path, but could not get it to move. I will have to time my attempts to when the tide is level with the pond to eliminate the pressure and also get a better tool to lever the board.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

## Next Week(s):

**February 25: Autumn Series 3**

**March 4: Aggregate Match Race 4**

**March 11: Autumn Series 4**

**New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron**

**Web site:** <http://Azonic.co.nz/NZRYS/>

**Secretary:** [pfa@Xtra.co.nz](mailto:pfa@Xtra.co.nz)

