

Sailing 21 January 2018

Autumn Series START

The wind was again northerly, slightly east, so much the same course used for the last couple of series days was again used.

In **race 1** Reuben Muir led at the top mark but Bruce Watson, George Stead and I were together close behind. I was the inside boat but was crowded by the other two and we were pushed together. I managed to break away to chase Reuben but the other two couldn't steer away for several seconds and were caught by the next few. The main block of boats were sailing close together. At the final 'lime green' I managed to get across them and around the mark as several arrived on starboard tack. Reuben was well ahead and took an easy win while I was 2nd and George held off Kevin Webb to be 3rd.

Race 2 had Laurie Glover leading for most of the first lap. At 'lime green' Ian Power caught and passed him (photo by Wayne Carkeek at foot of page). Terry was next (hidden behind 15). In the 2nd lap at 'lime green' Ian was still leading with Terry just behind but Reuben was closing fast and John Macaulay was right on Reuben's tail having worked through the fleet from being last to cross the start line. At the final mark John was ahead of Reuben and passed the others to take the win, Reuben 2nd, Ian held on for 3rd.

In **race 3** Reuben and Ian led at the first mark with very light winds. Reuben got around and rushed away to a large lead in a gust while Ian missed the mark and had to try again, letting Kevin to be next (photo below). This order held through the first lap and Reuben was



unchallenged but at the 'lime green' in the 2nd lap Ian held onto port for too long before tacking to the mark and this let George get behind Kevin.



Photo above shows Reuben (leftmost) on the way to the final mark, Kevin about to round 'lime green', George (far right) closing on Kevin, Ian (just to the right of Reuben) on starboard heading for green. This was the finishing order. Bruce caught a bag on his keel and was well back.

Ian won **race 4** with John and Wayne placing. Reuben had his 3rd win in **race 5**, again taking a large lead. Kevin and Bruce placing.

In the **final, divisional start, race**, Laurie took the lead early. Neil Purcell and Ian were following but it took until the final leg for Neil to close. He took the windward position and was overtaking Laurie but was just an inch short at the line, Laurie getting his first series race win. Well done. Reuben was top boat today with 10 points. John was 2nd with 16, Kevin and Ian 3rd equal on 19,

Anniversary Weekend Regatta

Next Sunday is the [Regatta](#). It would be useful if everyone arrived early so that we can start racing before 2pm to ensure that we get through all the races.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

January 28: Anniversary Weekend Regatta

February 4: Waitangi weekend - fun day

February 11: Aggregate Match Race 2

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