

Sailing 28 January 2018

Anniversary Weekend Regatta

The wind was almost due east and was somewhat variable but usually good strength.



Wayne Carkeek brought along a gazebo and set this up over the picnic table to give good shade. I had brought the umbrella over the park bench. With a dozen members the draw was for 3 groups of 4. Foster Wilkinson turned up later and was added to the green group.

In the **first race** I decided that there was an advantage to start at the port end as the wind had backed somewhat. I was on time and moving fast and just managed to clear Laurie Glover who led the rest on starboard tack. I pulled away to a handy lead at mark 1, the group following had closed together and clustered at that and the next mark which allowed me to stretch this out (Wayne's photo below) as they fought each other for position. George Stead and Bruce Watson were able to break away from the group and were catching me. At the end of the first lap I mistook the start line and failed to go through it, turning back after a couple of lengths allowed George to take the lead and Bruce and I to be side by side for most of the rest of the race. George won, Bruce 2nd.

At the start of **Race 2** several boats had tried the port end but the wind had veered* and there were some collisions between these and the starboard tack boats, plus it was alleged that some were over at the start so a general recall was made.



The **restart** was much better organised had Bruce taking the lead up the first windward with Terry O'Neill close behind.(photo above) but John Macaulay on the far side (3rd from left in photo) got a lift and led around the mark. He took a good sized lead and at the top mark in the 2nd lap Ian Power repeated the move up the far side and got a shift to get him ahead of Bruce and Terry (photo below).



John headed for the wrong mark briefly and was caught, Bruce leading by a length on the long downwind. Ian and John were side by side but Ian pulled ahead going to the finish to get 2nd. **Race 3** had all but George starting at the starboard end. Kevin Web took the lead at mark 1 and went out to a large lead. I was behind at the start and trailed. At the penultimate mark I was close behind a group of 4 boats that were close together, as they squabbled around the marks I got overlap for the final mark passed them to get 2nd. Tom Clark managed to survive to be 3rd. - continued page 2



In **Race 4** Bruce led at mark 1. I was close behind but was collided and went to the back. Neil Purcell was just behind Bruce but seemed to have steering problems and he lost ground at the next mark. George was alongside Bruce for awhile.

In the next lap at the first mark it was Kevin that led with Terry close behind. By the 'Black' Bruce was back in the lead (photo left) with Kevin and Terry holding off George to the finish.



In **race 5** Terry took the lead at the start (photo). Bruce was alongside several times on the following legs but Terry held the inside overlap at each mark and pulled ahead again. On the 2nd lap Bruce found lighter wind going to the first mark and John overtook him. Terry pulled away and, at the finish, was half the leg ahead of John. Neil put his boat away with servo problems and took Terry's for **race 6**. I won that race with Neil close behind the whole race and John 3rd.

Race 7 had George and Kevin getting ahead while I was shadowed by Neil in the club boat. Bruce caught a bag on his keel.

Race 8 was initially led by George. Bruce was just behind and these two got away from 'Black' while the wind died there for the rest. At the start of the long downwind a gust hit Wayne, Ian and Terry and they rounded up into the path letting John get past. Bruce won, George 2nd.

In **race 9** I took the lead early and was chased by John all the way around with Neil 3rd.

Bruce was top score with 3 wins. I was 2nd with 2 wins. John and George were equal and this required a **sail off**. George led at mark 1 and held this until the final mark of lap 1. John passed on the windward. At the top mark again George missed the mark then hung on it briefly giving John an easy lap to take the win and be 3rd place in the Regatta.

Regatta Results

1 st	Bruce Watson	8
2 nd	Richard Plinston	10
3 rd	John Macaulay	13

Commodore Kevin Webb presented the Cup to Bruce. The trophies will be engraved and returned to the winners.



John Macaulay, Bruce Watson, Richard Plinston

State of the Pond

The yellow buoy that had been in the centre of the pond was down by the bridge. Obviously, it had lost its weight. I took my long pole to recover it and it was almost long enough. I stepped onto the curb stone to get closer and the wall collapsed giving me a wet foot. I caught the buoy and stripped off the mussels. The chain had worn down in places to be just a thin wire.

Members

Peter Andrews, our secretary, has been unwell and spent a few days in hospital with pneumonia. He is back home now but will take some time to recover.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

February 4: Waitangi weekend - fun day

February 11: Aggregate Match Race 2

February 18: Autumn Series 2

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