

Sailing 1 July 2018

Aggregate Match Race Series 7

The morning started with very light winds, almost none, and a lovely sunrise, taken from Browns Bay beach.



The Electrons struggled through their races but as they finished the wind sprung up and was quite a nice sailing breeze when we started racing.

First up was Neil Purcell and I. I was on starboard and entered the start box on time while Neil was slightly later giving me the chance to sail along the line and give him a penalty. After the start he did his penalty turn and then the two of us sailed the course with that distance between us kept constant.



John Macaulay, in his first race, was about to go around the top mark the wrong way (photo left) but Bruce Watson called him in time for him to get around the right way. I would have called him but was *far* too busy taking the photo.

There was light rain starting

to fall and the wind started to die away.

Terry O'Neill had his jib sheet fail and the boat drifted ashore on the far side. He took my boat hook to fetch it and then gave away the racing due to cold and rain.

When I raced with Reuben Muir he led across the line. I tacked to the path while Reuben kept to the middle and fell into a hole while I sailed to

mark in a breeze. I was having trouble with the rudder, probably due to the transmitter potentiometer getting damp. I pulled the boat out at the mark and had time to try adjusting it, but it still wouldn't settle. It lasted well enough for me to take the win.

Laurie had the same problem later when he was about to start a race. With the rudder going to one side he could only turn one way and it wouldn't go straight for long. I gave him the club boat and took his to try to get it to the path helped by Foster Watkinson trying to push it. The wind died away completely and the rain got heavier (photo at foot of page). As members managed to drift their boats back to shore they packed up and went home.

We got through 3 rounds so scores are small. Laurie was top boat with 3 wins.



John Macaulay did get a burst of speed.

Another New Member

Pat Vyas was at the pond today and joined the club. He has several boats including a Readysset Seawind and has been looking for a club to sail it with. He briefly sailed the club boat and then had to leave before his wife noticed he had gone.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

July 8: Winter Series FINAL

July 15: Lay Day - Working Bee

July 22: Spring Series START

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