

# Sailing 8 July 2018

## Winter Series FINAL

Gale force winds were forecast for later today. Some light rain started to fall at lunch time and the wind did rise to be quite strong. As the rain blew away the wind died back and it became quite light. During racing the wind varied from light to a nice breeze.

I threw in a couple of new buoys to give a better start line and a new top mark for the north-west wind.

**Race 1** had Neil Purcell rush off to a good lead at the first mark and then step out to a large lead with only Laurie Glover keeping contact with him several lengths behind. Kevin Webb and Reuben Muir swapped third place, Kevin eventually getting this.

In **race 2** Foster Watkinson led Alan Smith and Terry O'Neil for most of the first lap, but at 'red' Foster dropped back and Kevin Webb and Wayne Carkeek took the chase of Alan and Terry (photo foot of page). Alan held a good sized lead



into lap 2 but Kevin was catching fast and up to the top mark they were swapping lead as they crossed tacks (photo left). At the top mark Kevin had a small lead and he increased this. At 'bridge yellow' Reuben led the rest of the fleet and was just behind



Kevin at 'red' with just 2 legs to go. At the final mark (photo end of column 1) Kevin was just a length clear (in far background) but didn't cover on the windward and Reuben snuck through approaching the line to take the win, Alan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Terry holding on for 4<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin won  **races 3 and 5**, Reuben won  **race 4**.

**Race 6**, with a divisional start, had Foster taking the lead and holding this all the way to the finish. Laurie and Alan were close behind most of the way but Neil was chasing them down and on the last leg got past Alan to be 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Reuben Muir was top boat today with 11 points from 2 wins and he won the series. Kevin was 2<sup>nd</sup> today on 14 from 2 wins. Laurie was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 18. Going into today's final Neil and John Macaulay were equal 3<sup>rd</sup> in the series with the same 'worst' score. Neil managed to improve his total by 1 point to take the place.

### Winter Series Results:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Reuben Muir	38
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Plinston	49
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Neil Purcell	65

In the **divisional series**, halfway through part 2, Reuben and I are equal in A with John just 1 point behind. In B Neil has a good sized lead. C is led by Laurie with Foster close behind.

### Working Bee - Next Week

We will be inspecting, repairing, repainting and replacing buoys. I will bring my dingy so that all can be reached. An early start would be useful.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

*July 15: Working Bee*

*July 22: Spring Series START*

*July 29: Spring Series 2*

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