

Sailing 29 July 2018

Spring series 2

Showers were forecast for today, but there was some wind and it was quite warm for this time of year. 17 members turned out for the racing.

A long start line was set with the bias towards the port end. This was designed to get boats to start all along the line rather than bunched up at the starboard end, and it worked.

In **race 1** I ran down the line at speed until 'go' and was halfway along it and could shoot the line to get to the first mark in the lead. Bruce Watson caught and passed on the downwind and towards the end of lap 1 John Macaulay caught us both. But John lost control again, as he had last week, and fell back. Bruce led at the final mark but I was pointing higher, Bruce tacked onto port to get to the line but a shift had him pointing away from it while it allowed me to lay it and snatch the win.

Race 2 had Foster Watkinson leading for most of the race. I worked through the fleet with John and Reuben Muir chasing me until halfway through lap 2 Reuben was on starboard at a mark and I took a penalty letting John through as well. Foster was still in the lead at the final mark but we managed to pass him before the finish as he suffered from bad shifts.

Tom Clark took the lead in **race 3** but eventually Reuben and Kevin Webb managed to get past. Foster led around the first mark in **race 4** with Simon Adamson just behind (photo at foot with Foster closest, Simon far right). A shower arrived and got quite heavy with stronger winds and gusts. Simon took the lead when Foster rounded up in a gust on the downwind. I had adjusted the sails for Simon just before this race. Tom (centre in photo approaching mark) took the lead at the first mark of lap 2 with Wayne Carkeek coming close. Tom had a problem at the top end of the pond and went to shore for a fix while Simon retook the lead and getting two legs ahead. Bruce (next left) passed the others to take third.



Simon just avoided a collision with a boat going the other way and staggered through a strong gust and rain

(photo above) to take the win.

Race 5 had Bruce, Tom and Reuben take the win and places.

Foster had a crack in his topsides so he took the club boat for **race 6**. Laurie Glover took the lead with Tom Clark several lengths behind chasing. At 'tree blue' of lap 2 several boats caught Tom but a gust had some of them rounding up to the path allowing Tom and Reuben to get clear. These two chased down Laurie, pushing him back to 3rd.

Reuben Muir was top boat today from 3 wins and 10 points. Tom Clark was just one point behind from several 2nd places with Bruce Watson 3rd on 16 from 1 win.

Before racing Reuben and I repositioned some of the buoys to be closer to the path and better for use as start marks.

John Macaulay sent me a summary of the racing rules as used by the Orakei Yacht Club for their Electron races. I have put a PDF of this on the web site in the 'Club' section. I have also extracted some simplified rules that were in the Upwind Newsletter in 2010 and 2011. This is also in the club section and attached.

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Next Week(s):

August 5: Aggregate Match Race 8

August 12: Spring Series 3

August 19: Spring Series 4

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