

Sailing 4 March 2018

Aggregate Match Race 4

The wind had been quite strong for the Electron Regatta yesterday and it was blowing a hard Easterly this morning when I went to Browns Bay beach to see the spring high tide. It had mellowed by midday and was a nice sailing breeze for the racing, mostly.

George Stead and I were first up and we could start before 2pm. George got a good start and led away but on taking to port he just failed to clear my boat on starboard. He took the penalty turn immediately but I had stalled and George still held the lead. Eventually I was able to take the lead of a couple of lengths and held this the rest of the race by keeping a close cover. Neil Purcell and Terry O'Neil were next up. Neil had rudder problems, again, with his boat so he took my old Prada 1 which seemed to suit him as he won this and 2 other races with it



In Neil's race with Reuben Muir he had trailed all the way until right at the finish. Reuben was close and he tacked to starboard (left) and Neil was only just able to tack in time but this left Reuben slightly luffed and Neil was able to accelerate and win by just 1 inch at the mark.



Simon Adamson returned to racing today. In his race with Ian Power he led around the first lap (above), but going to the top mark Ian gained an inside overlap and led around and held this to the finish.

Kevin Webb won all 4 of his races today. Neil, George, Reuben and I each won 3. George and I are still equal top in the series with 3 days counting and one dropped.

Match Race Cup 2017

Kevin Webb and I have eventually started racing for the Match Race Cup 2017 after the Aggregate was completed.



Kevin won the start but as we came to the path and tacked I managed to somehow come out just ahead and rounded the top mark (photo left) just a length in front. Kevin caught me on the downwind and held the inside overlap to lead around the the bottom mark. On the upwind I was able to point a little higher and again led at the top mark. Kevin caught me on the downwind. On the final windward to the finish I was to leeward but was slightly advanced (left) and was able to tack to starboard and cross his bow to win by a length.

State of the Pond

With the flap valves closing, and in spite of the very high (3.54) tides, the pond only just edged onto the path, which kept the Electrons happy for their Regatta. I had also swept most of the mud off the paths making the North end path usable. With less water coming into the pond it still measured at 1.011 SG which is good.



Electrons: P1 won this race, Dan Leahy (6) 2nd.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

March 11: Autumn Series 4

March 18: Autumn Series 5

March 25: Autumn Series 6

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