

Sailing 20 May 2018

Winter Series 2

The wind had been light this morning but it picked up to be a nice sailing breeze with some periods that were light, especially at 'tree blue'. The pond was up over the path after the rain last night. This had blown away leaving a nice sunny day.

With the wind mostly westerly and somewhat northerly a start line was set on the far side of the pond with a figure 8 course over the whole pond. In **race 1** I led at the first mark but was overtaken by Reuben Muir and Neil Purcell who raced away and swapped the lead several times but it was Neil who won by a length (photo below by Wayne).



Race 2, a handicap start, had Foster Watkinson go too far into the shallows of the bay with the fountain and he had difficulty getting started. Terry O'Neill and Neil Purcell took an early lead but the wind died on the leg to 'tree blue' leaving them in the doldrums on the left. Wayne Carkeek, Kevin Webb and I went to the right and passed them (photo foot of page by Laurie). I eventually got past Kevin, who was leading in the photo, and Wayne took the win. Reuben had his battery come loose and retired.

I refed race 3. Several boats got to the first mark where a collision took Foster Watkinson (37) out.



Ian Power was given a penalty but that didn't help Foster. Neil (centre) took the lead from Reuben and these two battled around the course side by side. In lap 2 Reuben broke away to win by a good margin. Neil had dropped back and right at the finish was on port when Ian on starboard hit him. Neil had to take a penalty turn and re-finish well back.

Foster won **race 4** by a good margin with Neil 2nd. I fought with Wayne all the way to get 3rd.

Kevin and I fought all the way in **race 5**,

Race 6 had Neil get past Laurie for his second win while I led the A division to be 3rd.

I was top boat today with 12. Kevin Webb 2nd on 13 and Reuben Muir 3rd with 15.

Last Week - Mother's Day



Yet again there was a forecast of heavy rain but it turned out to be a nice sunny afternoon for the several members that turned up. A few others sailed the boats that I had brought along and at times all 3 of mine were in use by potential members.

New Member

One of those potential members last week was Andy Spierer who, during the week, bought one of Noel Heerdegen's boats and joined up today.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

May 27: Winter Series 3

June 3: Queens Birthday - fun day

June 10: Winter Series 4

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