

Sailing 27 May 2018

Winter Series 3

Showers were forecast for the morning, clearing in the afternoon and so we did get a couple of light ones. The wind was variable and was quite strong at times but was light for the first and the last races.

Eleven members was more than I expected, given the weather.

Race 1 had Ian Power and Reuben Muir getting away to a good start and swapping the lead together all around the course. It was Ian that took the win. I had been battling John Macaulay and Kevin Webb most of the way and a lucky shift had me able to take 3rd.

Race 2 was fairly light at the start which allowed the scratch boats to pass many of the high handicapped ones early on. Reuben stretched out a lead while Kevin chased down Laurie Glover.

Race 3 was another in which Reuben ran away. Wayne Carkeek and John taking the places.

Race 4 had Alan Smith and Foster Watkinson getting a good lead around the first lap. At the top



mark of lap2 (photo above) Alan (right) had a good lead while Neil Purcell (left) had just caught Foster going to bridge yellow. On the long



downwind (photo above) Alan was well away (left) while Reuben caught up to Neil and Foster. This group of 3 stayed close together while slowly catching up to Alan until the penultimate mark at the end of the short windward where Reuben broke away.



Alan was still leading at the final mark (photo left), but Reuben caught him on the leg to the finish (photo below) to win by just a single length. Neil managed to pass Foster to get 3rd.



Race 5: I managed to get to the lead on the long downwind but going into lap 2 I had Reuben, John and Kevin ahead of me. Neil joined the group. At the final mark I was 4th around but held onto starboard tack, pointing high and gained on a shift to take the win with Neil and John placing.

In race 6 the wind was dying which kept the boats mostly in their divisions. Laurie led the whole way to the last leg but it was Foster who stole the win with Alan 3rd. Terry O'Neill led B while John was the first A.

Reuben was top boat today from 3 wins with 9 points. I had twice that number of points and 1 win for 2nd. John, Neil and Kevin were 3rd equal on 21.

Member - Secretary Peter Andrews

Last week it was mentioned that there had been an obituary for 'Peter Andrews in the paper. It was not our secretary Peter though. Peter is getting better and is looking forward to a nice sunny Sunday to make his return.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

June 3: Queens Birthday - fun day

June 10: Winter Series 4

June 17: Winter Series 5

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