

Sailing 30 September 2018

Aggregate Match Race Series FINAL

The day was sunny with what looked like a good sailing breeze, but it was very shifty.

A course was set to avoid the dead areas in the shadow of the trees. With 13 members racing there were 26 races to get through so we needed to keep 3 races on the course as often as possible.

First up was Neil Purcell and I. I led across the line and at the first mark and on the first downwind but Neil caught up on the windward and led around the top mark. The wind died leaving me becalmed as Neil carried the wind away and he won by a large margin.

Mike Renner was having trouble with his boat. He had just swapped his rudder servo from a Futaba to a Hi-tech and they have opposite operation. His transmitter is digital so it requires



a manual to change this. He took my spare number 100/1 (left) for the rest of the races.

Foster Watkinson, in his races with Reuben Muir (left) and with me was able to keep close and was side by

side heading to the finish line but lost by a very small margin in both of those.

Tom Clark, Bruce Watson and Reuben Muir won all of their races to be equal top boat today.

Aggregate Series Results:

1 st	Richard Plinston	48
2 nd	Neil Purcell	42
3 rd	Reuben Muir	40



As I won the Match Race Cup 2017, and is thus the defender in the 2018 series, I am ineligible to win the Challenge Cup:

Challenge Cup Winner:

Neil Purcell

(photo left winning a race)

Match Race Cup 2017 - Race 9



With the scores 4 all, this was to be the final race of the series. I led across the line and after much shifting wind was ahead around the top mark and led the downwind. On the next windward Kevin caught up and passed as we went past the start line but I managed the dead area around the top mark and rounded ahead. Kevin caught me on the downwind in light airs but as he came alongside a gust from behind caught him and drove his bow under while I raced away with it.



On the final windward the wind died again and we were close together by the path. As I turned to go behind I hit Kevin's transom and got a penalty which I did straight away. With the shifts I caught up and going to the line we were side by side and I could turn to the line just ahead.

Results

Richard Plinston	5
Kevin Webb	4

AGM, Proposals

The planning for next years racing schedule is in progress. A proposed schedule is include in the October Upwind. We need your feedback and proposals for any changes that may be needed for the years schedule, the racing format, or any other matter that can be addressed at the AGM.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

October 7: President's Regatta

October 14: Regatta Lay Day

October 21: Fun day - TBA?

New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron

Web site: <http://Azonic.co.nz/NZRYS/>

Secretary: pfa@Xtra.co.nz