

Sailing 18 November 2018

Summer Series 3

This morning the winds were very light and the Electrons just drifted around mainly. The wind picked up over lunch time and this started to bring scrut in from the other pond. The course was set just in the north half to avoid most of this weed. It was also set to bring the boats close to the path so that they could clear their keels and rudders.



Race 1 start. 15 boats here.

Seventeen boats were at the start of racing.

Race 1 had Reuben Muir and Tom Clark vying for the lead around the first lap with Kevin Webb and John Macaulay chasing them down and eventually pushing Tom back to 4th.

At the start of **race 2** the wind went light and several of the later starters went through the earlier boats quite soon. Tom and George Stead were well ahead going into lap 2, Tom won.

I got a good start in **race 3** and led around the first two marks to take a large lead on the long downwind while the rest fought around those. At the finish I was two legs clear of Reuben with another leg back to Wayne Carkeek.

Race 4 had Tom and Terry O'Neill take a good size lead over the rest in lap 1. In lap 2 Terry fell back and was caught by Reuben while Tom led by a couple of legs (see photo right).

Race 5 was won by Bruce Watson ahead of John and Kevin.

Race 6 had Ian Power and Tom, both in B division, lead around the course while Kevin and I tried, but failed, to run them down.

Tom Clark was top boat today with two wins and a total of 13 points. Kevin Webb was second with 16 points, Reuben third on 17.

With two race days there are 3 boats equal top score in the series: Tom Clark, Bruce Watson and Reuben Muir.

State of the Pond



During the week i made some adjustments to the pond controls. I put a piece of stainless steel chain (donated by Wayne Carkeek) on green rope to prevent the flap valves from closing fully (photo left). This will let in about 100mm of estuary water each high tide bringing in more salt and helping keep the oxygen levels up to prevent the pond becoming stagnant. It should also help with

keeping the water cooler. I then removed the top half-board from the weir gate (about 40mm) so that the lower water level is lower to prevent the high level flooding the paths.

Mid-week the wind was from the north and this blew all the scrut down to the south end and left the sailing pond nice and clean.

Carol and I are also asking the council to get the fountains working as this oxygenates the water to keep the smell down in the hot summer. They also help control the weed growth.

Members - David Harley

I enjoy receiving the emails but from now on, can you send them to my home email as I will be retiring this Christmas.

Once retired, I have every intention of recommencing my boating as will eventually have time. It's been taken up over recent years with my childrens house purchases (and my renovations) and lately with grandchildren - now got 4 !!!

I need to escape, so boating is one way !

See you soon. Best regards, David Harley



Race 4, Tom Clark (right) leads on blue to blue leg while Reuben (far left) is about to round yellow.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

November 25: Summer Series 4

December 2: Aggregate Match Race 1

December 9: Summer Series 5

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