

Sailing 14 October 2018

Lay day - fun day

There was quite a strong south-westerly which shifted and varied today. A dozen or so members turned out for some fun racing plus Harry Bowles was at the pond and may be looking to get another Seawind.

With the match racing to be sailed two courses were laid out that didn't overlap too much. This allowed the others to sail several races dominated by Reuben Muir and Neil Purcell sailing his One Metre.

Fraser and McCaw Cups

These cups are competed for by the B and C division top boats determined by the first half divisional series. Terry O'Neill is the current holder of the Fraser Cup. The McCaw Cup was not competed for last year.

Mike McCaw is the current holder of the McCaw Cup but hasn't been to the pond for some time. There were few C division competitors in the first half year competition and so it was decided that Foster Watkinson and Laurie Glover would sail a series for the cup. Foster wasn't at the pond so hopefully he will be there next weekend.

With Terry, Neil Purcell and Tom Clark at the pond it was agreed that Tom and Neil would sail a 3 race series to determine the challenger and he would then sail against Terry in a 3 race series.

Neil had brought his One Metre to the pond for sailing today so he borrowed my 101 for the racing, and he found it somewhat different to sail.

In race 1 Tom held Neil away from the start line and was able to get a good lead going to the first mark. On the downwind Tom caught a gust and rushed off leaving Neil and taking the first win.



Race 2 had Neil lead across the line. Tom worked the shifts and led around the first mark but at the bottom mark Neil had closed the gap somewhat but the win went to Tom..

Tom Clark (photo left) won two races in the best of three series and is the Challenger for the Fraser Cup.

Next Week(s):

October 21: Labour Weekend Fun day - TBA?

October 28: AGM

November 4: Summer Series START

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Fraser Cup Series

In the first race Terry got a penalty on Tom in a port-starboard incident before the start. Tom was first across the line but Terry led after Tom had completed his penalty turn.

Tom was back in the lead at the top mark and led on the downwind and held this during the next



lap (photo above). At the final mark Tom had a handy lead but then lost sail control and had to retire giving Terry the win. It transpired that the sail arm had come off the servo.



Race 2 had an even start. Terry pulled ahead and led around the top mark, holding this on the downwind and around the bottom mark (photo above). Back on the wind Terry suddenly slowed and Tom went past. Later, Laurie caught a cabbage tree leaf in the same place and this may have been Terry's downfall. Tom won.



The final race had Terry take an early lead but he was unable to hold onto this and Tom won the series with two wins to Terry's one.

Terry O'Neill presented the Fraser Cup to Tom Clark (photo left).

Members

Hello ' Secretary "

I am writing to you with regard to Gary McKenzie to inform you he will no longer be a member. I know he has not been active at all in sailing for some time - since his yacht sank!

Sadly he was recently diagnosed with a brain tumour, then suffered a stroke, then a couple of weeks ago he died.

Please can he be deleted from the newsletter list.

Thank you Coraline McKenzie (his wife)

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS