

Sailing 28 October 2018

State of the Pond

With a couple of hot days during the week the dead weed matter in the silt was gasifying and floating up to the surface. This seemed to be happening in the other pond but with the south-westerly wind it was being blown through the bridge and was affecting much of the sailing pond.

McCaw Cup Series



Laurie Glover (15) and Foster Watkinson (37) (above) were both at the pond so we could complete the McCaw Cup Match Race Series for C Division. They agreed on a five race series.

The match racing course was set in the south arm of the pond, on the far side to keep clear of most of the weed. The other boats used the north end of the pond for casual racing.

Before the first race Foster had a problem with his mainsail sheet jamming, holding the main to the centreline while the jib flapped about. He slowly brought it to shore where it was seen that the sheet caught under the hatch bolt.



The **first race** had the two boats equal up the first beat (photo left) but Laurie slowed down as they approached the top mark leaving Foster to round and lead downwind.

Laurie had picked up some weed and

Foster was able to hold the lead to take the win.

Race 2 had Laurie making a good start at the near end while Foster had lighter winds on the far side, but at the top mark Foster had taken the lead and held it on the downwind.

Rounding the top mark and pulling the sails the sheet caught again on the hatch bolt and Foster had to struggle to shore to free it, leaving Laurie to take a good lead. Laurie had caught more weed and Foster was now sailing fast again but Laurie took the win to bring the series level.



Race 3 was another in which Laurie collected weed again and had to go to shore to clear it (photo left) while Foster was quite immune and sailed to a win.



Race 4 had an even start with Laurie taking the lead (photo above) but Foster took the lead on the second lap and then led to the win (photo left).

McCaw Cup Results:

Foster Watkinson	3
Laurie Glover	1

AGM

The AGM was well attend by 19 members. Cindy provided refreshments and finger food.

Full details of the reports, proposals and minutes along with the prize giving will be in the November edition of the Upwind Newsletter.

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Next Week(s):

November 4: Summer Series START

November 11: Summer Series 2

November 18: Summer Series 3

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