

# Sailing 7 April 2019

## Aggregate match Race Series 5

The wind was a good sailing breeze from the South-west today. Eleven members were at the pond for the match racing. Ian Power was back in his wheelchair after having the metal plate and screws removed from his break last year.



John Hinton has bought a new carbon fibre Seawind (photo left) and had assembled it and was sailing it today. It was sailing quite well and he won a race though it does need ballasting up to minimum weight.

My 101 had tested out OK this morning but when I switched it on at the pond the sail servo went full travel and would not return. I took my backup boat Prada 1 and this tested OK but when I put it in the water it switched itself off and went to the far shore. I recovered it and put it back in the car taking club boat 112. This tested OK but on installing the hatch the tongue had broken off so it wouldn't seal. Laurie lent me his spare hatch.

George Stead and I were first up. Not having sailed 112 much I took time to get used to it and fell behind. While I recovered somewhat it was George that took the win.



In my race with Bruce Watson we were quite aggressive and gave each other several penalties alternately. On lap 2 I led around the top mark and Bruce

chased me downwind and gave me a penalty before rounding the mark. He caught and led at the final mark (photo above) but I was catching and crossed close behind to take the windward line. At the path he went too close and caught a cabbage tree frond giving me the race.



In the race between Terry O'Neill and Andy Spierer, Terry had led most of the way but approaching the line Andy had a burst of



speed and caught up (photo above) and passed (photo left). As they approached the line Andy slowed



while Terry surged (above left) but Andy managed to win by a nose (above right).

**Neil Purcell and George Stead** both won all four of their races today. This increases George's lead in the series.

While George is leading he will be flying off to Europe this week for the northern summer. One more good result could give him the series win. The final day is 20 September, so if he is back by then he could take it out.

Larger and additional photos will be available on [Wayne's Facebook Seawinds at Onepoto site.](#)



**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

**Next Week(s):**

**April 14: Winter Series START**

**April 21: Easter - fun day**

**April 28: ANZAC - fun day**

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