

Sailing 11 August 2019

Spring Series 3

The forecast was was rain and gale force winds. We did have quite a few strong gusts but generally it was a good sailing day and there was no rain.

Eleven members turned out. Kevin Webb took the club boat but it seemed that the sail servo wasn't giving much power even with fresh batteries. My 101 took in quite a bit of water in one race then failed in the next with sail servo problems, so I went to my Prada 1. Others had boat problems too and quite a few wound up on the far shore when gusts prevented them tacking away.



Andy Gilmore (left) has moved from Christchurch and has a Seawind. He sailed Laurie Glover's old Readysat in the final race today.

Mike McCaw returned to the pond to observe and hopes to be back sailing soon.



Neil Purcell was top boat today with race wins in races 2 and 5, a couple of seconds and a third, total 9. **Reuben Muir** also won two races: 1 and 3; and his total was 11. **Mike Renner** has now got his boat handling better with it having a better balance. He won race 6 and a couple of third places gave him a total of 17 to be third today. Wayne Carkeek was just one point behind. Foster Watkinson won race 4.

Reuben holds onto the series lead.



Buoy Renewal

A buoy had broken free and had drifted to the far shore. I recovered it (photo below). It had quite a bit of very small mussels and had broken away from the anchor weight because the metal loop had rusted away. Newer buoys don't have this problem because the rope is cast into the concrete weight.



Wayne wants to inspect and repair or replace all the buoys during one of the lay days or fun days coming up around the end of the club year.

Errata from Terry O'Neill

I think you got your race summary slightly wrong. I beat Foster by a good margin. It was Reuben he came so close to beating. Reuben rounded the last mark leading by a couple of metres but had trouble on his last tack getting to the finish line, meanwhile Foster came in at speed from the top of the pond but had to tack on the line to cross giving the win to Reuben by a couple of centimetres. Foster was so pleased with himself he kept mentioning it for the rest of the afternoon. Cheers, Terry

The Paths around the Pond

Back in 2015 the council drew up [plans](#) to revise the parking at Onepoto and add some paths. This included a new path that was to run behind the clubroom and then behind the picnic tables to the bridge.

They completed the work around the car parking but not the new path. Earlier this year the Kaipatiki Board approved the new path to be made by mid 2020. See [Wayne's Facebook](#) page for details.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

August 18: Spring Series 4

August 25: Spring Series 5

September 1: Fathers Day - fun day

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