

# Sailing 3 February 2019

## Aggregate Match Race Series 3



This week we had a visit from Alex Casey who is a journalist for a website called The Spinoff and 1972 magazine. She is writing an article for 'Gatherings' – a column about interesting groups of people in NZ. She interviewed some members and sailed a club boat.

Eleven members were at the pond for the racing. There was quite a good wind strength from the north-east but it did shift about which gave advantage to those who could work the shifts and still keep cover on their opponent.



In the race between Kevin Webb and Mike Renner the two boats were side by side on the downwind when a gust hit.. Both boats broached with Kevin gybing to starboard and pivoting round Mike's bow.



No penalty was given as it was not determined whether Kevin had given time to Mike after gybing, but Mike did a penalty turn.

I had advised Andy Spirerer on his jib setting and in my race with him he took the lead to the first mark. I did eventually pass but he held on close behind and felt that he is starting to be competitive.

I won all four of my races today. Terry O'Neil, Laurie Glover, and Kevin Webb each won three. A fleet race afterwards was won by Alan Smith.



In the race between Kevin Webb (left) and Laurie Glover (right) they initially kept it close. Kevin pulled away when the tacked at the path but



Laurie worked back and led at the top mark. On the downwind Kevin moved ahead.



At the finish Kevin led but still had a penalty to complete and it was Laurie that crossed ahead while it was completed (above)..

### State of the Pond

After fiddling with the flap valves last week the SG has now risen to 1.017 which will prevent algae growing.

The north end is filled up with silt and rubbish and smelling quite badly. a couple of council men did take away some branches.

I talked today to a Dr Simon Tannock who was looking at the pond water quality. He works with a company in Australia that does management of ponds and rivers.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

**Next Week(s):**

**February 10: Waitangi - fun day**

**February 17: Autumn Series 2**

**February 24: Autumn Series 3**

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