

Sailing 17 February 2019

Autumn Series 2

Seventeen Members turned out for the Autumn series racing today, including Simon Adamson who has not been here for many months. It was rather hot but there was plenty of wind from the north.

I was using my Prada 1 boat. John Macaulay has his boat fail and take to the mud before racing and again during race 2. Neil Purcell has his fail after race 4 and he took club boat 112. Reuben Muir and George Stead failed in the final race but it didn't affect their overall placing too much.

The race course was set by Reuben so it was rather long. At the last minute the start line was changed as the original was too short for the number of boats, but this was kept as the finish line. This did catch a couple of boats out when they didn't hear the change. Later the course was shortened slightly. We did manage to finish racing just a couple of minutes after 4pm.

Race 1 had George Stead taking the lead while I, John and Kevin Webb tried unsuccessfully to run him down.

In **race 2** (first mark at foot of page) Alan Smith led by a good margin and was around the next mark when the photo was taken. Eventually it was Reuben that took the win with Kevin and Wayne Carkeek getting the places. Terry O'Neill (left in photo) held on for 4th.



Photo; race 2 Alan still leads (3rd from right) but Reuben is around the mark (5th from left) and chasing on the downwind.

Top boat today (again) with three wins was Reuben Muir. He leads the series by a large margin. John Macaulay was just 3 points behind from 1 win. Third was George Stead from 1 win with 21 points. Tom Clark won the final, divisional start, race.



1972 Magazine

Sylvie Whinray, a photographer from 1972 magazine was at the pond to take pictures to illustrate for the article where Alex interviewed members two weeks ago. The magazine will be in Barkers store in March perhaps.



New Member

Matt Wilmot sailed my 101 for a while last week. This week he turned up with a Readysset that he has bought from Trademe. It had been modified with Mylar sails and a topping lift but this will be rectified as he has standard sails.

Rudder Grub Screws



Secretary Mike Renner has donated some grub screws to the club. The original kit used a short screw (left) that required an allen key. Later, Readyssets supplied a longer screw with a plastic head. Mike has supplied longer headless grub screws (center) and ones with small (right) and large heads. The small head has an allen socket but can be tightened by pliers. The large head may interfere with the rear hatch.

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Next Week(s):

February 24: Autumn Series 3

March 3: Aggregate Match Race 4

March 10: Autumn Series 4

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