

Sailing 6 January 2019

Aggregate Match Race 2

A hot sunny day with a nice south-westerly breeze. Nine members turned up for the match racing.

My boat, 101, was giving problems with connecting the battery but eventually I thought it was working but when put in the water it lost power and I had to pick it up on the far side. I took club boat 112 from my car for the races.

First up was George Stead and I. 112 was not balanced well, which I fixed after the race by raking the mast forward a bit, and George soon pulled away to take his first win.



Mike Renner had brought along both of his boats: 85, and his recent acquisition 61 'Sirocco', (photo left) which was recorded as racing with the club in 1995 and probably hasn't been used much since then.

Mike used 61 to race John Hinton in the first round. John's boat was

giving problem and he borrowed 85 for the remaining races.



In round 2 George raced Terry O'Neill. Terry led around the first lap but going into lap 2 George crossed close behind (photo left) and then took the lead and eventually the win.

John, sailing 85, raced Laurie Glover and won the race.



Neil Purcell made a great start, on time, at speed in his race with Andy Spierer (photo left). In his next race he had problems with the sail servo at the start with John. He took Terry's 12 and had to adjust to the sail control

working the opposite way.. Instead of 6 and 24



the boats were 12 and 85 (start photo above).

Neil and Terry alternated in using 12 for the rest of their races and they worked out how to change over the 'throttle' control to suit their different preferences.



Neil won against John in round 3 but when sailing 12 against Tom Clark in round 4, he was squeezed by Tom too close to the starting mark (photo left) and caught the buoy rope on his keel. I put my boat

in the water and pushed him off but Tom was too far ahead by then.



George Stead (photo above) was top boat today, winning all his races. This gives him the lead in the series, too.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

January 13: Summer Series FINAL

January 20: Autumn Series START

January 27: Anniversary Weekend Regatta

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