

Sailing 20 January 2019

Autumn Series START

The wind was quite strong much of the time but was very unstable and swinging around. The morning was overcast but this blew away to give a warm afternoon.

Fifteen members turned out for the start of the Autumn Series. My boat 101 had electrical connector problems again after working fine at home. I took my old number 1 for the racing. It hadn't been used for a while and wasn't liking the shifty conditions. I adjusted it between races to not much improvement.

Kevin Webb had forgotten to pick up his rear hatch so he borrowed the one from 101.

Reuben Muir drew a figure 8 course that used all the pond. A couple of minor adjustments were suggested and adopted before racing started.

Race 1 had Reuben soon moving out to the lead. Ian Power and Alan Smith were close behind but Bruce Watson and Kevin Webb worked through to take the places.

Terry O'Neill and Laurie Glover raced out to a good sized lead in **race 2** as they swapped lead around the course. It was Laurie that took the win while Terry held off Reuben who was 3rd.

Race 3 started with Ian Power taking the lead (photo at foot). Wayne Carkeek and Reuben caught him before the first mark but Ian held the lead narrowly from Reuben on the downwind as these two rushed away from the fleet. Wayne,



Alan and George Stead led the chase and Wayne took the lead narrowly at the end of lap 1 on the windward (photo left) but it was eventually Reuben that took the win with Ian 2nd George 3rd.



In **race 4** It was Foster Watkinson, Alan, and Terry that raced away with Foster taking the win (photo left at the finish) and the other two taking the places.

George had his boat fail before **race 5** and he refereed the last two races letting the two scheduled refs

compete. Laurie was to have been the ref and he got off to a good start. Reuben took his third win but Laurie was 2nd with Kevin getting 3rd.

In **race 6**, with its divisional start, it was Alan that led around the first lap chased closely by Foster.



Early in lap 2 Foster took the lead (photo above) and held this to take his second win of the day. Reuben also passed Alan pushing him to 3rd.

Reuben Muir was top boat today with 3 race wins, an assessed win and a 2nd. Ian Power was 2nd on 19 and Alan Smith was 3rd on 24.

NEXT WEEK is the **Anniversary Weekend Regatta**. We hope to start racing early to get through the number of races required.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

January 27: Anniversary Weekend Regatta

February 3: Aggregate Match Racing 3

February 10: Waitangi - fun day

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