

Sailing 7 July 2019

Aggregate Match Race Series 7



It was a really nice day, though the wind was somewhat light. Before the racing there were several groups that used my boats and the club boat to try their hand at sailing, including several young children between 4 and 7 (photo left).

A dozen members turned out today. Peter Rickerby had his boat lose steering a couple of times pre-race and wind up on the far shore so he took club boat 112 for his races.

Bruce Watson started very aggressively against Mike Renner, rushing along the line on starboard to prevent Mike entering the start area and then spinning around to be the leeward boat, keeping Mike away. This was green flagged by the ref.



There were some leaves in the pond and Bruce caught one in this race giving Mike the win.

Photo left: Mike passes Bruce.



John Hinton had his Carbon Fibre Edition going well today, winning three races. Here (photo above) he leads Peter sailing 112 but eventually Peter won this one.

Next Week(s):

July 14: Lay Day

July 21: Spring Series START

July 28: Spring Series 2

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In John's race with Foster Watkinson, John had his batteries fail and pulled the boat out to replace these. Foster sportingly agreed to a restart which John then won.



Photo above: Foster leading Tom Clark in round 2. Tom eventually won this race.

Tom Clark, Terry O'Neill and I won all four of our races today. This takes me level with George Stead when five races count. George is currently Europe and may not be back in time to get a sixth score. Terry moves up to third place. Two more race days are left in this series.

Match Race Cup 2018

Neil Purcell and I agreed that our race, the first up, would count as a Match Race Cup race to try to get through the best of nine series.

I led across the line and kept a loose cover to hold this lead to the finish. This gives me five wins to retain the cup for another year.

McCaw Cup 2019

Mike Renner and Andy Spierer agreed that their Match Race, the last of the day, would count to the McCaw Cup as well as today's series.

They both were over at the start though Mike could have used being on starboard to get a penalty on Andy. When they got back behind the line Andy took the lead. At the top mark Andy hit it but had enough time to circle around to re-round and clear the penalty and get away downwind.



On the final leg Andy still led by a good margin but he tacked into a dead spot and Mike held the wind from the bottom mark to sweep by for the win (photo left).

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