

Sailing 23 June 2019

Winter Series 6

It was the shortest day today, or maybe yesterday, and it was quite nice with some sun and mostly a nice breeze. There were a couple of light showers, but not enough to worry about.

With the wind slightly north of west there was no good start line for a windward start so a reaching start was made from the north end with the first mark the yellow in the far corner to then give a windward to tree blue. The length of the pond should have given separation to the fleet before the yellow, but it didn't always do that. A separate finish line was set halfway along the pond.



In **race 1** Reuben Muir took the lead early on (photo above) but his boat failed halfway through with battery problems. The other 3 boats here: John Macaulay, Kevin Webb and Wayne Carkeek; went on to fill the podium.



Race 2 had Mike Renner take the lead soon after the first mark (photo above) and went out to leave a good size gap. Going into lap 2 Laurie Glover (left in photo) had closed the gap and took the lead at the top mark.

With a couple of legs to go Laurie opened up his lead while a group of 3 caught up to Mike.



At the final mark (above) Laurie was well ahead while Mike still held off Kevin Webb but Kevin got past going to the line.

Race 3 had Bruce Watson take a large lead early on and hold this to the finish. Kevin, John and I fought all the way around for the places.



In **race 4** Neil Purcell, Foster Watkinson and Laurie led going into lap 2 (right background in photo above) with Kevin leading the chase. Kevin got past Laurie in lap 2 to be 3rd behind Neil and Foster.

Terry O'Neil had problems with 12 and took club boat 112 for the final races.

Reuben won the **last two races** with Laurie and Kevin and then Ian Power and Mike getting the places.

Kevin Webb was top boat today with 12 points from seconds and thirds. **Reuben Muir** was 2nd on 17, **John Macaulay** and **Laurie Glover** were 3rd equal on 20 points.

Reuben leads the series so far with Wayne Carkeek holding 2nd and Kevin Webb 3rd.

Ten of the fourteen boats racing today had podium finishes, five getting wins.



New Member

Lloyd Beehre joined the club today and sailed his distinctive painted boat GBR-99 in the racing.

Alex Roy, a member from a few years ago also came to the pond and he sailed the club boat for a while but had to leave before racing. He is getting his boat going again so should be back to race with us.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

June 30: Winter series FINAL

July 7: Aggregate Match Race Series 7

July 14: Lay Day

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