

Sailing 17 March 2019

Autumn Series 5

Earlier the wind was from the east but in the middle of the day it backed to north. It varied from being quite light to a nice sailing breeze. A fairly long course was set to use almost all the pond and with a second long windward. Starting was delayed for a couple of minutes to allow late comers to get in the start of the first race.

Kevin Webb, after his boat had failed last week, had put in a new rudder servo. However, the brand had changed and the servo worked the other way. As he was late he didn't have time to test this and suffered in race one.



Tom Clark (2) took the early lead (photo above). The wind died at the top mark, Tom was first around with Neil Purcell (6) right on his transom.



On the downwind Bruce Watson (33) took a small lead (photo above around lee mark). Wayne Carkeek (3) and Neil fought around the course for third but eventually it was George Stead (94) that took this place.

Race 2 had Foster Watkinson (37) take the lead around most of lap 1 but on the second lap Wayne had taken the lead going to the top mark but the wind died and the fleet bunched up on



the downwind. At the bottom mark Kevin was clear ahead (photo above, rightmost). Wayne fought back and took the win, Bruce third.

Race 3 had George Stead (94) take the lead around the top mark. Again the wind died and the



fleet bunched. George held a small lead and I had worked through to be just behind him. He forgot the Green/orange mark and had to go back giving me the lead. Wayne led the rest (photo above). Eventually Wayne passed for his second win while Bruce pushed me back third.

Race 4 had Kevin around the first mark and away to a large lead. He finished a couple of legs ahead. George and Wayne taking the places.

Terry O'Neil was in a collision which took out his forestay and dropped the mast.

Race 5 Kevin and I made a hash of the start while Tom and Wayne took the lead. On lap 2 windward the wind died away but I found a stream of wind on the right and rushed past most of the fleet and was eventually second behind Tom, Wayne third.

Race 6 had Laurie Glover take the early lead but soon Tom and Wayne were side by side fighting for the lead which Tom won, Laurie third.

Wayne Carkeek was top boat today: 2 wins, 10 points. **Tom Clark** was 1 point behind, also with 2 wins. **Bruce Watson** another single point back after one win. **Kevin Webb** won one race.

Note: Larger versions of these photos and additional photos are available on Wayne's Facebook site. Link on NZRYS home web page.

Update on Cherokee Films ad

I'm sorry the day for this shoot is now Thursday 21st in the afternoon from 2pm / possibly a bit later?

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Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

March 24: Autumn Series 6

March 31: Autumn Series FINAL

April 7: Aggregate Match Race Series 5

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