

Sailing 19 May 2019

Winter Series 2

Showers were forecast for the morning but just after midday the winds rose and the rain started. Another came across at about 1pm but then it cleared and the wind moderated. There was another very light shower. The wind went from a good breeze to quite light at times.

Simon Adamson couldn't get his boat to go and took 112 from the car but the sheet jambed and he worked again on his boat and got it to go.

Neil Purcell had his boat fail after a collision in race 3. He took Prada 1 and did quite well with it.

In **race 1** I did a port end start, to which to start line was biased, and took the lead but the wind at bridge yellow was light and fluky letting Reuben Muir and Wayne Carkeek catch and pass me to hold these places to the finish. I had picked up some weed and Kevin Webb passed to get third.

Race 2 had Andy Spierer take a good sized lead at mark 1 and hold this around the first lap. Ian Power also got away from the pack which had then bunched up on the downwind (below).



As they rounded the marks they slowed each other letting Reuben catch and pass. Reuben eventually passed all to win. Ian held 2nd while Simon was 3rd.



Wayne (3) leans on Laurie while Ian dives.

Race 4 had Neil take the win with Alan Smith and I in the places. In **race 5** I took the lead with another port end start and went out to a large lead that held until the win. Ian had also stepped away from the fleet and did get closer to me on the last leg. Laurie 3rd.

In **race 6** Alan got out to a good lead but on the final leg was threatened by Reuben who finished just a length behind. Wayne 3rd.



Left: Reuben wins another race.

With 3 race wins, an assessed win and a second, **Reuben Muir's** score of 6 was top boat today. I was 2nd with 1 win and 15 points. Ian Power was 3rd on 16. Other wins

went to **Neil Purcell**, sailing my Prada 1, and **Allan Smith** who had 17 points.

Last Week - Mother's Day

The forecast was for rain and there was quite a strong wind. Seven members turned out and some racing around the buoys was started. Mike Renner has his mast fall down and had to wait for the boat to drift to shore. The wind increased to survival conditions and the rain came soon after 2pm and we went home.

It had been pointed out to me that there was an orange buoy on the shore in the bushes. I went to collect it and, as it was intact, I couldn't see why it was out of the pond, so I threw it back in.

Neil reported that during the week a Rottweiler had jumped in the pond and retrieved it, dragging it ashore.

10 Years Ago Today



Actually it was 2009-05-17. The boats are 21, 18, 84, 11, 30, old club boat, 48, 8, and 42. Only one of these sails with us today. The old club boat was scrapped and replaced. I have 11, John Dowler's boat, in the club boat stash, in bits because it needs quite a lot of work on it.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

May 26: Winter series 3

June 2: Queens Birthday - fun day

June 9: Winter series 4

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