

# Sailing 22 September 2019

## Spring Series 7 FINAL

It was the first day that I needed to take the sun block. The wind was a good strength southerly with enough shifts to make the windward legs interesting. Fourteen members were at the pond.



Wayne Carkeek set a course around the refurbished buoys giving a good long windward to the first mark.



**Race 1** had Tom Clark leading away from the start (photo above). After a couple of marks I took a good lead chased by Bruce Watson and Wayne. In lap 2 my boat was unable to let the sail out having caught the sheet on the rudder servo and I dropped back. Bruce took the win and Neil Purcell overtook Wayne for the places.

Kevin Webb had his boat take on water which affected the sail servo and he took club boat 112 for the rest of the races.



**Race 2** was led by Alan Smith around the first mark with Mike Renner close behind (photo above). The long windward was supposed to ensure separation at the mark but this clearly didn't happen in this race. With the wind quite light it was Neil that handled the next leg to move to the lead and race away. Bruce managed to get to lead the rest and broke away to try to catch Neil. He did get close but fell back to be second. Terry O'Neill got past Alan to claim third.

At the start of **race 3** several boats collided and rafted up causing a restart to be called for.

The restart had Bruce taking the lead straight away with Neil and I following closely. I moved into second around lap 2 and Terry came to third but I touched the final mark and Terry took the place from me while I did the penalty turn.

Alan led away again in **race 4** but going around the mark into the back straight Bruce and Tom were leading side by side. Going into lap 2 Wayne had taken the lead with Tom and Neil following. However, Bruce was back in the lead on the final legs and was clear ahead at the final mark and was going to the line on starboard when another boat on the downwind collided with him. Wayne crossed the line first but Bruce was given redress and given the win, I was third.



Bruce took the lead again in **race 5** (photo above) followed by Kevin, who had the club boat sailing nicely, and Tom. By the finish Tom had passed Kevin.



In the final race it was Alan Smith all the way, getting out to a large lead at mark one and holding it (photo above) all the way to the finish. Terry and Neil worked through the fleet to take the places.

**Bruce Watson** was top boat today with 6 points from 4 race wins and a second. **Terry O'Neill** was second with 15 points. **Alan Smith** was third with 17 points and one win. **Neil Purcell** won one race.

### Spring series results:

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Bruce Watson</b>	<b>43</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Reuben Muir</b>	<b>47</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Neil Purcell</b>	<b>65</b>

### End of Club Year - Return of Cups

The club's cups should be returned to secretary Mike or myself before the end of the month.

### President' Cup Regatta

Next week is a fun day then the following week is the President's Cup Regatta. Notice is on the web site.

### Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

#### Next Week(s):

**September 29: Lay day - fun day**

**October 6: President's Regatta**

**October 13: Regatta lay day**

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