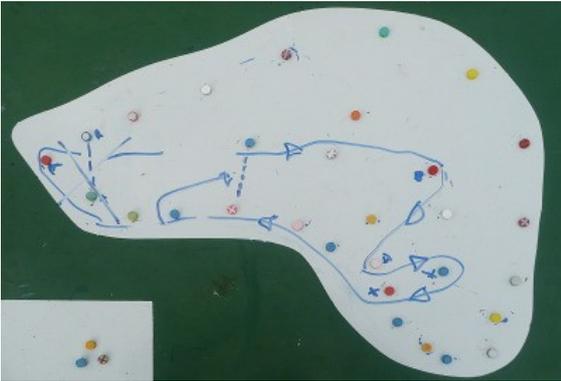


Sailing 6 October 2019

President's Cup Regatta

The wind was light and sometimes non-existent.



With the wind generally from the south the course was set from the north end. With the wind becoming lighter it was shortened halfway through the racing.

With 12 members a draw grouped the boats into 4 groups each of 3, so 12 races were required. Each race was of six boats.

Kevin Webb is still having trouble with his sail servo so he took club boat 112 for the races.



Race 1 was away at 1:35pm (photo above). It soon resolved itself into Bruce Watson and John Macaulay racing side by side in the lead (photo left). Going into lap 2 Bruce got ahead by a good margin but John reeled him in again and on the long downwind they were side by side again. Bruce tacked around the final mark and when he tacked back John had taken the lead and the win.



To save time the last 2 races of each block of 6 could be started a couple of minutes apart to get all boats on the course. The first race away got around faster and started to lap the other race which put many boats trying to round a couple of the marks together.

The 12 races were completed by 4pm.



With Tom and Kevin on the same score of 12 a sail off for third place was required. The wind had shifted around by this time and it was a reaching start. Kevin took a slim lead (photo left) until Tom did a dummy tack which Kevin responded to and when Kevin tacked back Tom

was now in the lead and took the win.

President's Cup Regatta Results:

1 st	John Macaulay	7
2 nd	Bruce Watson	11
3 rd	Tom Clark	12

Commodore Kevin presented the cup and stand-in trophies.



State of the Pond



The sports fields are closed off until next March while they renew the sand carpet and improve the drainage. This might reduce the days when parking is tight.

The pond salinity is up to 1.018 following some spring tides and lower rainfall.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

October 13: Regatta lay day - fun day

October 20: Fun day

October 27: Labour Weekend - fun day

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