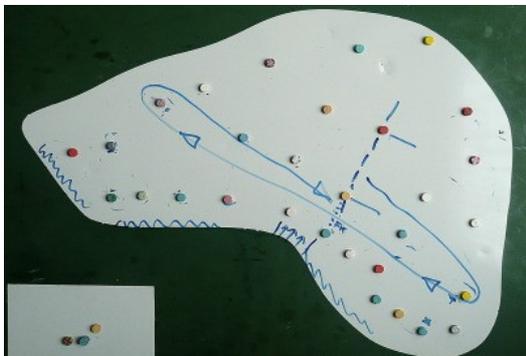


Sailing 2 February 2020

Aggregate Match Race Series 3

With the wind between south and west the course for match racing could be set to use the long axis of the pond. With the weed close to the path the natural start/finish line was not suitable



for the starboard start boat so this was retained as the finish line but the start line was moved further away in clear water.

A dozen members turned out for the racing, including Mike McCaw who has returned with a new Readysset, the one that I had assembled so that Victoria could sell it a few months ago.

George Stead and I were first up. George led away but I was close behind until I fell into a hole and lost too much ground.

Laurie Glover, in his race with Mike Renner, caught some weed on his keel when he was in the middle of the pond. By the time he had brought his boat to a clear area by the path Mike had taken a large lead and took the win.



Mike McCaw nearly got a pre-start penalty on Tom Clark in their race (photo left). Tom was able to turn away quickly enough and went on to win the race. Mike discovered that his rudder had become loose which explained his lack of turning precision.



In my race with Ian Power I tangled with Terry in my pre-start as he led Mike McCaw in his race. I was given a penalty and fortunately Terry was not delayed. Ian led away as I did my penalty but I was able to keep close. At the final mark I was just a length behind. I tacked on a couple of shifts on the windward to the finish while Ian didn't cover and just a couple of lengths to the finish I was on starboard and could force him to tack. I then needed to tack to lay the line and Ian came on my leeward side and pushed me up. I held the wind enough to cross ahead by just a couple of inches.

Mike Renner had problems with 85 and swapped to his backup boat, number 61.

Going into the final round both John Macaulay and George had won 3 races so the race between them was for who would be top boat today. John left himself too far from the line at the start and George crossed ahead and led at the first mark. John was baulked at the bottom mark by another boat and also caught some weed so was unable to make up the distance making George top boat today with four wins.

The final race of the day was between Wayne



Carkeek and Simon Adams. Simon led on the first leg (photo above) and around the top mark. On the downwind Wayne slowly caught up and eventually passed to take the win.

State of the Pond

There was a fair amount of weed around the edges of the pond today. a lot was raked out but as the pond heated it brought up more from the bottom, much of it out of reach of the rakes.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Photo left: John Macaulay (right) leads Tom Clark (left) around the top mark.

Next Week(s):

February 9: Waitangi Day weekend - fun day

February 16: Autumn Series START

February 23: Autumn Series 2

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