

Sailing 5 January 2020

Aggregate Match Racing Series 2

The wind was anywhere between south and west and was sometimes strong, other times just a light breeze. Later, some of the smoke from Australia blew over giving a distinct orange glow to the sky and making it dark enough for the street lights to come on and the cars to turn on their headlights as we drove home.



This orange light showed up in my photographs, such as this one on the left, but I have corrected most of them.

Rick Royden had trouble with his boat before racing and it went ashore. He

replaced the battery connectors and it seemed OK, but in his race with me he lost control of it twice and this cost him the race.

Terry O'Neill also had technical problems and he took club boat 112 for the remaining races.



First up was George Stead and Bruce Watson. Bruce made a good start and led around the first mark but on the downwind George drew alongside. Bruce then pushed George away from the mark and led to it but George could turn



taking the inside line (photo above). On the windward Bruce took the lead again and George caught him again on the downwind (photo left). This time George could do the pushing away

from the line to the lee mark. Back on the windward to the finish line Bruce was able to pull ahead to take the win.



Terry O'Neill was able to take the lead in his races: using the club boat against George (photo above) and with his own boat in an earlier race against Neil Purcell (photo left); but he was unable to turn

these into wins.



Laurie Glover leads George - for a while.

Bruce Watson and I won all four of our races today. Bruce and George Stead still lead the series with equal top scores.

State of the Pond

The SG of the pond is now up to 1.026, nearly that of the estuary. With no rain and hot temperatures the increase will be due to evaporation as much as the exchange of sea water on each high tide.

The algae has not been growing much except right at the north end around the settling bay so the pond was quite clear of weed today.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

January 12: Summer Series 6

January 19: Summer Series FINAL

January 26: Anniversary Weekend Regatta

New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron

Web site: <http://Azonic.co.nz/NZRYS/>

Secretary: Mike@merel.co.nz