

Sailing 5 July 2020

Aggregate Match Racing Series 5

The pond level was normal today and the salinity is back to 1.019 after the heavy rain last week. There was quite a strong wind from the north and it was quite unstable. This is ideal for match racing as it favours those able to work the shifts better.

With 16 members at the pond and another turning up halfway through there were 33 races to get through. We could start early and kept 3 or 4 races on the course most of the time and so we could finish just before 4pm.

Mike Renner had problems with Sirocco 61 and fetched his backup 185. His 85 is still under repair after last week. David Williams took club boat 66 for his races.



First up was George Stead and Bruce Watson. Bruce led across the start line (photo above) and held this to the finish to take the win.



Neil Purcell (6) led Rick Royden away from the start (left) in their race but when he tacked he hit a shift and stalled while Rick rushed away grabbing the first of his four wins.



The race between Reuben Muir and Bruce Watson required a restart. During this, Reuben caught Bruce in a port/starboard (photo left) leaving Bruce having to do a penalty turn just after the start. This gave Reuben the chance to take a good lead and one of his four wins.



Ian Power and Reuben Muir at their start



Reuben Muir (above) and Rick Royden won all four of their races today. George Stead holds his series lead by one point over Bruce Watson.

Having lost 2 race days in this series due to the lockdown there will only be 7 race days.

Match Race Cup 2019

Bruce Watson and I were both at the pond early so we raced a couple of cup races. Bruce won both of them giving him a lead in the series of 3 to zero.

McCaw Cup



Mike Renner and Alan Smith sailed another race today. Mike took the lead but coming to the final top mark Alan held a gust to power round the mark into the lead (photo left). Alan had his second win and

now faces Rick Royden in the final for the cup.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

July 12: Winter Series 6

July 19: Winter Series FINAL

July 26: Spring Series START

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