

Sailing 14 June 2020

Winter Series 3

Some rain had been through earlier in the day but it cleared up and wasn't even too cold. There was a north-easterly which was a nice breeze at the start of racing but it died away later.

Twenty members were at the pond today, including a new member Matt Wilmot. A course was set with a wide start line and a different finish line.

Race 1 had Bruce Watson and Reuben Muir



leading up to the first mark but the wind was light at the mark and it was Kevin Webb, Tom Clark, Wayne Carkeek and Simon Adamson that led away from it (Photo above). Reuben and Wayne



led into lap 2 but they kept to the path side while Rick Royden and Kevin were on the far side and caught more wind to power past (photo above) followed by Bruce. Kevin caught Rick to take the win, Bruce 3rd.

Race 2 had Neil Purcell and Terry O'Neill rounding the first mark together while Simon and Matt were close behind. Terry held the lead at the end while Bruce caught Neil in light winds.

At the start of **race 3** Tom Clark caught a gust to leave the rest struggling in light winds. He sailed



away to a large win while Rick led the rest (photo above). Rick and Reuben broke away from the group on the downwind to take the places but Tom was two legs ahead of them.

Race 4 was won by Bruce, Matt and Terry hanging on to take the places.

Kevin held off Reuben in **race 5** with Wayne 3rd.

The **final race** had the wind die at the top mark leaving the B and C division becalmed while Bruce sailed through chased by Mike Renner. Reuben and Tom led the rest and eventually passed Mike, Reuben taking the win.

Bruce Watson was top boat today on 12 points and one win. **Reuben Muir** had 16 points and one win. **Tom Clark** was third with 21 points and one win. **Kevin Webb** won two races and **Terry O'Neill** won one.

Fraser and McCaw Match Race Cups

See [Administrative Item](#) on these cups.

Terry O'Neill and Tom Clark had their first race of the Fraser Cup series. On the first attempt they had a collision with another boat and the race was restarted.



Tom was over at the [re-]start which gave Terry the lead to be first around the top mark (photo above). On the next windward Tom sailed through Terry's lee to take the lead and the win.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for the Excellent newsletter covering the racing yesterday. Another enjoyable day. I am slowly improving my sailing abilities (well, I think so as I finished almost every race I started 😊) with heartfelt thanks to many helpful members; yesterday, special thanks to Mike and Wayne. It was a new, frightening experience to be called as referee in Race 3 but as side-kick to Wayne it turned out to be a great way of learning.

Can you please explain the scoring system?

Brian Christensen

A: In the [Handicap Recalculation](#) document there is a paragraph explaining how the scores are given.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

June 21: Winter Series 4

June 28: Winter Series 5

July 5: Aggregate Match Race Series

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