

# Sailing 1 March 2020

## Aggregate Match Race Series 4

Generally the pond was much improved over last week due to the working bee.

There had been almost no wind in the morning and floating scrut had accumulated at the north end of the pond. The wind came in from the north and, over the afternoon, the scrut drifted down the pond. Several boat did catch weed.

Thirteen members were out for the match racing. Neil Purcell had more problems with his rudder after a couple of races and took the club boat 112 for the last two. Terry O'Neill also used 112 in his last race as his boat broke a battery wire.



First up was George Stead and Bruce Watson, the two top boats in the series so far. They mixed it up in the prestart (photo left) in light winds. Bruce was given a penalty in this incident. George was over at the start and had to return. Bruce got away and led by a large margin by the final mark taking the win.



In the race between Tom Clark and Laurie Glover (photo left), Tom took the lead initially but Laurie sailed through on the windward side of Tom and nearly collected a penalty. Laurie tacked away

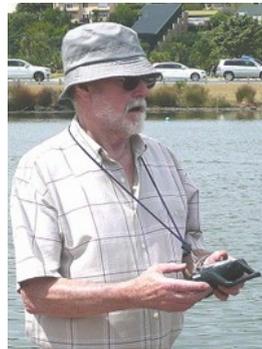


and managed to take the lead and increase it on the downwind but Tom pulled back (photo left) and was able to pass and take the win.

Bruce and Ian Power held their fourth round race early so that Ian could get away. Tom had to leave

early too giving Alan Smith a default win.

Nobody won all their races. In the series George Stead still leads, Bruce Watson just one point behind.



## Members

Alan Watson (photo left) raced with us today after joining last week.

His Readysset Seawind lost its vang overboard and so he forfeited his last race.

## Club Boats

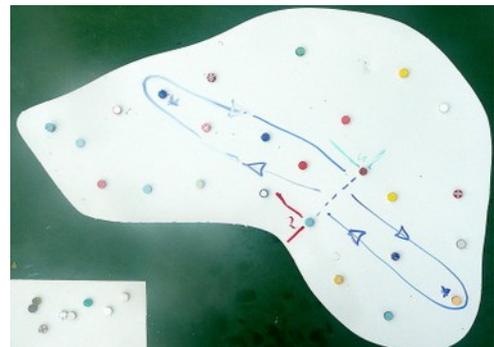
Sue Stiff has donated Brian's Readysset Seawind to the club for use as a club boat.

## Working Bee

A good number of sailors from the club, the Electrons and the Ancient Mariners turned out yesterday for the working bee to clear as much weed as possible from the pond. Chains were dragged up and down the pond, many rakes lifted weed out, and the buoys were cleaned and replaced in a new pattern (photo below).



The club provided drinks and special thanks are due to Judy Salthouse for bringing homemade scones and jam (photo above).



## Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

### Next Week(s):

**March 8: Autumn Series 3**

**March 15: Autumn Series 4**

**March 22: Autumn Series 5**

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