

# Sailing 4 October 2020

## Aggregate Match Race Series FINAL

The AAFL have now started their season's games and this filled up the parking before noon making it difficult to find a space even when bikers started going home for lunch.

The weather was a great spring day with a, generally, south-west wind, though at times it seemed it was going west and others south.

Thirteen members turned out which meant that there would be 26 races. Keeping three races on the course most of the time meant that we completed these by 3:30 and some members then raced a few short fleet races.



First up was George Stead and I. George held me at the start and led at the first mark. I was close behind on the downwind and when the wind dropped I was able to grab a gust to ease past and lead around the bottom mark, up the windward leg and on the downwind (photo above). After the bottom mark the wind died and I failed to cover, George getting past in the last couple of metres to snatch the win.

In my final race, against Tom Clark, I had taken a good sized lead off the line when Tom was called out being over the line. Again the win died at the final mark and I failed to get the boat moving while Tom caught up and he took the win by just a few inches.



Alan Smith led Tom Clark by a small margin all the way around the course after Tom had been over the line at the start (again) and had to return. Alan won three of his four races today.



In the race between Alan and Neil Purcell, Alan led at the first mark but going to the bottom mark Neil managed to get the inside overlap and led away (photo above).

On the windward Allan retook the lead around the top mark. Neil, again, led around the bottom mark but Alan took the win.

Mike Renner led George for a while on the first windward (photo left).

George won all four of his races today increasing his lead in the series.



## Aggregate Match Race Series Results

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>George Stead</b>	<b>45</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Richard Plinston</b>	<b>39</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Rick Royden</b>	<b>38</b>

George is awarded the Challenger Trophy and is to race the current holder, Bruce Watson, for the Match Race Cup in a 'best of nine' series.

The finishing places in this series will be used as the draw for the start of next year's series.

We have eventually completed, as far as it was possible to, the 2019-2020 club year racing.

## Presidents Cup Regatta

The Regatta is next week, or the week after if the weather is unsuitable. The notice of race is on the web site at <http://Azonic.co.nz/NZRYs>.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

### Next Week(s):

**October 11: President's Cup Regatta**

**October 18: Lay day**

**October 25: Labour Day Weekend - fun day**

**New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron**

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