

## Sailing 6 September 2020

### Father's Day - Casual Sailing

With Auckland remaining at Level 2.5 this restricted how we could sail at the pond. As it was Father's Day we normally would have just had casual sailing anyway.

Ten members were at the pond to sail around while maintaining distancing from each other. While one group went to the south end of the pond to finish off some match racing (see other column) the rest raced around the the outside of all the marks.



The back straight proved to be quite difficult. When a gust hit it was hard to tack and many held on too long and sailed into the shallows from which there was no return (above and below).



### Spring Series and Next Week

With the Level 2.5 restrictions continuing until, at least, the 14<sup>th</sup>, next week will be casual sailing again. This leaves only two more sailing days available for the Spring Series before the end of the club year and so the series may have to be abandoned.

Kevin Webb wrote:

I suggest that we abandon the spring series and get the cup engraved Covid 19 was the winner? Just a thought.

Kevin

#### Next Week(s):

**September 13: Casual Sailing**

**September 20: TBA**

**September 27: TBA**

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## Match Race Cup 2019

Bruce Watson and I completed the series for the Match Race Cup today. This should have been completed months ago but various problems got in the way of that.

Bruce was winning the best of 9 series by 3 wins to none. With the wind in the west it was difficult to set an appropriate course and we had to use a rather wide start line. George Stead acted as starter and referee.

In the first race Bruce was judged to be over the line early but he quickly returned and the windward was quite even with Bruce leading around the first mark. He pulled away on the downwind and held this to the finish.

In the next race I got a prestart penalty on Bruce and so led away while he completed this. At the top mark I led but the wind died and shifted leaving me to drift slowly onto the mark. Bruce then came at me on starboard and hit me to give me a second penalty. He then rushed away for another win.

**Bruce Watson** wins the Match Race Cup Series.

## Fraser Cup Series 2020 Final

Tom Clark and Laurie Glover completed the best of five match race series for the Fraser Cup. Previously Tom had won the first race of the series.

Tom led away at the start and around the top mark but Laurie caught up on the downwind and held the inside overlap at the bottom mark to lead into the next windward. Some wind shifts favoured Tom and he took back the lead by 3 or 4 lengths at the final mark.



As Tom rounded, another boat crossed his path and a collision (above) held Tom up so that the two were side by side on the final leg with Tom getting to the line by just a few inches.



In the next race Tom took the initial lead but at the bottom mark he broached in a gust and this allowed Laurie to catch up and the rounded together. Tom tacked away (above) while Laurie sailed on and Tom benefitted from a shift to take the lead to the finish.

**Tom Clark** wins the Fraser Cup.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**