

Sailing 4 December 2022

Aggregate Match Race Series START

It was a lovely summer's day with blue sky, a few puffy clouds and a nice gentle breeze. Unfortunately this warmed the pond and caused the weed to rise up. This was mainly around the edge but some was rising a couple of metres out.

Close to 2pm there were only 4 members ready for the start of match racing but 3 others did arrive soon for a delayed draw.



First up was Mike Renner (with 61) and John Macaulay. In the prestart John was aggressive on starboard but did not claim a penalty on Mike. Both boats then were early across the line and were recalled. Mike was quicker to get back and led going to the top mark. Mike held this lead through the first lap and increased it again at the top mark (above). In the final leg John was catching up fast and at the finish was just a length behind.



Next up was Chris Yates (sailing his 86) and Alan Watson (above). Alan won that race.



A couple of weeks ago Tony Nissan discovered, by nearly sinking, that his boat had a large split in the forward part of the hull. He has now fixed this by grinding the edges to 45 degrees and filling with J-B Weld.

Tony's first race was against Neil Purcell who has returned to racing with a Readysat. They kept the race close and

were side-by-side on the downwind (left) but at the finish Neil took the win.

Grant Moon, in boat number 10, sailed his first race against John. Mike coached Grant who had not sailed a match race before, nor indeed had raced before. With just one competitor at least he wasn't swamped by many other boats.



Grant won his race against Tony. In his race against Chris he kept it quite close (above) for a while but his jib sheet caught on a chain plate screw head and he had to come ashore to clear it.



In the race between John and Tony they were equal and were side-by-side on the first downwind (left) but after the bottom mark Tony, in the lead, slowed in the light winds and went too close to the far shore and wound up in the shallows allowing John to take the win. When Tony recovered the boat it showed why he didn't, or couldn't,

tack away and that was because the jib had become oversheeted to the centerline, a problem that he has had before but the cause is unknown.



Chris led his race with John and took the win (above).

Alan Watson was top boat today, winning all four of his races. **Chris Yates** and **Mike Renner** each won three of their four races.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

December 11: Summer Series 4

December 18: Summer Series 5

December 25: Christmas break - fun day

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