

Sailing 8 January 2023

Aggregate Match Race Series 2

It was a very hot day with no wind when we wanted to start racing. By 2:45 there was a light easterly so we attempted to race on a very short course. Halfway through the third round the wind switched to a northerly so a different course was set using the top mark in the first course as the bottom mark. By getting up to four races on the course at one time it got a bit crowded due to its shortness but we completed racing at 4:00pm.

Floating clumps of weed were about and these affected the races quite a bit.

John Macaulay is still having problems with his radio gear though it works fine at his home. I tried doing a 'range check' but this stopped the system working completely. he took my Prada 1 for the racing.

First up was Mike Renner and Chris Yates. The wind was so light that while Mike got away, Chris was struggling to get to the start line. Mike won that race.



The next race was John (with 1) and Neil Purcell. At the top mark Neil just failed to lay the mark while John rounded cleanly (left). In lap 2 the wind died away and John missed

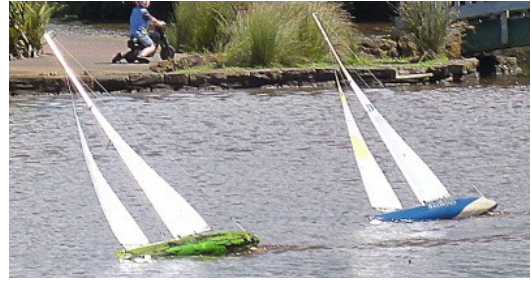
the mark and drifted away allowing Neil to catch up and eventually take the win.



In the pre-start of the race with Tom Clark Bruce Watson was aggressive and got a penalty on Tom (above). Bruce won that race.



George Stead chased Neil around in their pre-start (above) but was unable to give him a penalty. Neil won that race.



Laurie Glover won over Brian Christensen (above).



In the race between Brian and Bruce, Brian held a small lead at the bottom mark (above) and held this to take the win.

Neil Purcell and **Rick Royden** were top boats today after they won all four of their races. **Neil** and **Chris Yates** lead the series after just 2 race days.

Problems at the Pond

After the council workers left Brian and I checked the weir gate to find that the two top boards hadn't been replaced and that there was no inflow at high tide. This would lead to the pond being quite a bit lower. I wrote to the council about this.



I checked again a few days later to find that the boards had now been put in place but were not fully down on the other boards giving a lot of leakage (left). I managed to open the

flap valve chamber and get the chain back in place to stop the flap valves closing completely so that there would be inflow at high tide to compensate for the leaking. This inflow also helps to stop stagnation.

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Next Week(s):

January 15: Summer Series 6:

January 22: Summer Series FINAL

January 29: Anniversary Weekend Regatta

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