

## Sailing 7 December 2008

Eleven members sailed the first day of the 2009 race schedule. With a steady moderate northerly 5-6 knot breeze a course could use all the long axis of the pond.

### Match Racing Cup 2008

The day started with Bruce and Ivan having the opening race of the 2008 Match Racing Cup best of nine.

At the start Ivan was first across the line and he tacked onto port, in the light winds he stalled and failed to keep clear of Bruce on starboard.



Penalty to Ivan at the start.

Bruce was first around the top mark. An incident at the bottom mark gave Ivan a 2nd penalty with some controversy. Ivan fought back and took the lead on the 2nd windward when he chose the right side for a wind shift, opening up sufficient lead on the downwind to take his two penalty turns on the final leg. He completed these ahead of Bruce but 33 came through as Ivan was building speed and with Ivan now sailing faster the last couple of metres of the race could have had either take the first win.

Bruce:1 Ivan:0.



Finishes are seldom this close

## Aggregate Match Racing Series

22 races were held. Two laps of the long axis allowed races to be overlapped to ensure that we got through the complete draw.

David was sailing his Carbon boat appropriately ballasted to minimum weight requirement. As usual David suffered from weed more than most which affected his results.

Geoff McGill had his new acquisition, Bruce's first 33, re-rigged as the replacement 18. He had some problems with the rudder servo, fortunately prior to race start, and was allowed to use a substitute and sailed David's 10.

Ivan won all four of his races putting him in the lead for the series. Everyone enjoyed the racing which was well organized by the racing committee.

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| 01 Richard | 7 | 21 Peter   | 7 |
| 06 Neil    | 7 | 33 Bruce   | 5 |
| 10 David   | 5 | 84 Ivan    | 8 |
| 11 John    | 6 | 96 Gerrald | 5 |
| 12 Terry   | 5 | 111 Peter  | 4 |
| 18 Geoff   | 7 |            |   |

### State of the Pond

The Pond was sampled again today and the results will be on the Wai Care site in due course. Link is on the web site.

With the day being hot the rotting bottom was once again rising up to give problems. Carol has sent a letter to the NZCC CEO. A PDF of this is on the web site in the OLCC area which can be found in a link on the NZRYS page or at <http://Azonic.co.nz/NZRYS/olcc.html>.

### Next Week

The next two weeks are 'Special Prize Series'.

### AGM and Member Subscriptions

The Minutes of the AGM are available on the web site <http://Azonic.co.nz/NZRYS>

Subscriptions are now due, send payments of \$30.00 to Peter Andrews at 21B Penzance Road, Mairangi Bay. Frequencies and sail number may be reallocated if a member lapses his membership.

The email list may also be trimmed in the near future. Financial members will remain on the list and non-members may be removed. Notices will remain available on the web site. If non-members wish to remain on the email list they can request this.