

Brief report on Open teams regatta June 5th– 7th 2010

The 2010 Open teams regatta was held at The Royal Akarana Y.C. to the SW of the mooring area.

The aim of the regatta was to encourage “open” teams to get together and enjoy post school team sailing with one eye on the ISAF team worlds in Cork, Ireland in August 2011.

Kevin Robertson and Penny Grayson were very helpful in hosting us at the RAYC. Three power boats and six 420s were hired from the club.

Ross organised six 420s from the NZTSA fleet as well as a finish boat and his Mark boat. Kerikeri leased two RIBs and Westlake Girls brought a 420 as an emergency spare.

Janet Watkins and Andrew Laurence worked the start boat very efficiently while Wendy Butler was landed with managing the finish boat which also doubled as the change over boat. She did a sterling job.

Six teams registered and were weighed in on Saturday Supervised by Belinda Ellis up from Taupo.

The wind was NE 15 – 18 Knots. and building with a deep front forecast. In the end a round robin of 15 races was completed before weather and boat damage caused an end to sailing.

The weather deteriorated over the rest of the weekend so boats were de rigged and taken away over the course of Sunday.

The 15 races that were completed went well with some excellent sailing from the very mixed group of teams members from all parts of the North Island. The main shortage for the regatta was umpires and this was made up by having one of the off water teams rostered in to the umpire boats to help Ross, mark layer and Umpire, Mat Rendle [junior umpire!] and Derry Godbert.

Results:-

“Overload” Ash Hammond, Nick Clark, Luke Stevenson, Ollie Brown, Scotty Barns, Lauren Twi? Sailed well and came first after a three way tie was resolved on Points

“Tormente Racing” Logan Sutherland, Georgina Hill, Adrian Short, Nadia --, James Sandall, Harriet Cameron, Came a close second only one point behind.

“Pretty In Pink”, Dylan Wichman, Harris Binden, Greg Webster, Alex Bryning, Kevin Hooper, [“in the Pink”] Andrea Hawtin, came 3rd. one more point behind.

“St. Kents” Hamish Chadderton, George Brasell, James Roundtree, Harrie Craigie, Thomas Elmore, Felicity Ellis, Jamie Falconbridge, Were equal to the other two teams on wins but came through on points to 4th. place. Their points placing showed how close the racing was.

“Gunnel Bums” Eric Thomas, Julia Hamilton, {injured on deck replaced by Petrina Sheldon} Nathan Laurie Alina Hofstatter, James Ayre, Sam King, Came fifth but close on points.

“Billy Goat Racing” O’Shea Butler, Klause Ohlendorf, David Hazard, Ben Caundle, Callum Jones, Robyn Caundle, [Petrina lent to Eric’s Team] Came sixth but were right up with the play only missing out on a couple of close umpire calls and a boat gear problem.

All together the sailors did very well handling the boats and the racing in quite awkward wave and wind conditions.

Derry Godbert