

2015 SUNBURST North Islands - Napier Sailing Club

Held on 28/29 November 2015

Results are final as of 17.28 on Dec 01, 2015

Sailed: 4, Discards: 0, To count: 4, Entries: 13,

Rank	HelmName	SailNo	Fleet Club	Placings	Total
1 st	Cam Brown	1434	Wakatere	2, 1, 1, 1,	5
2nd	Nick Olsen	1254	Wakatere	1, 3, 2, 2,	8
3rd	Jane Calvert	1791	Worser Bay	3, 2, 3, 3,	11
4th	Wal Louden	1629	Muritai	5, 4, 5, 4,	18
5 th	Kevin Whitehead	1800	Wakatere	7, 6, 4, 6,	23
6 th	Keith Fraser	1209	Heretaunga	8, 5, 6, 5	24
7th	Chris Ward	1635	Muritai	4, 8, 7, 7,	26
8th	Nick Sceats	1586	Worser Bay	6, 7, 8, 8	29
9th	Mark Ryan	1611	Muritai	10, 9, 9, 9,	37
10 th	Craig Smith	692	Wakatere	9,11,10,10,	40
11th	Zarah Otto	1721	Napier SC	13, 10,11,11	45
12th	Mary-Clare McCarthy	1580	Worser Bay	12,12,12,12,	48
13th	Dee Ankersmit	1143	Wakatere	11,13,13,13,	50

Report below by Nick Olsen:

"The 2015 Sunburst North Islands were held at the Napier Sailing Club over the weekend of 28/29 November, as part of the Napier Sailing Club's Summer Regatta which also included good fleets of OK , Laser, Laser Radial, Paper Tiger, Opti, Starling and Zephyrs.

Andrew & Cam Brown won overall from Nick & Flinn Olson in 2nd place and Jane Calvert & Ben Stirling of Worser Bay in third. Kevin Whitehead 5th, Craig Smith 10th, Dee Ankersmit 13th were other Wakatere placings, and we retained the club's trophy.

The race that was started on Saturday was abandoned after starting in nearly no breeze and 30°C temperature, the Napier sea breeze came in hard peaking at about 34-36 knots and produced carnage and mayhem, some dropped their mainsails and limped home. Flinn and Nick Olson led the race from start to finish only to be disappointed by the abandonment flag as they sailed through the finish, Cam and Andrew also executed the course without hitch. The NSC's regatta had 128 entrants across all classes and about 70% were tipped over at some stage during the squall. In the sunburst fleet there were 2 bent masts, a torn mainsail and one boat was holed by a rescue craft.

Sunday was more benign with a light gradient breeze coming which built to 10 knots, 4 races were run, with all counting. The first race was won by Flinn and Nick who were lucky to hold off Cam and Andrew who were super fast in the light conditions. There was big gap back to the ensuing fleet.

Race 2 was convincingly won by Cam and Andrew with the Wellington contingent holding most of the Wakatere sailors at bay. Race 3 became a procession with the fleet spreading out a lot on the long course.

Race 4 saw Cam and Andrew in "Vagrant" get locked out at the pin end and have to pass behind the entire fleet as everyone else got a good start, however they were soon back in the action on the right hand side of course, being able to break the cover from "Catch 22" to lead around the top mark when they sailed away to the finish to win the North Islands for the first time. Flinn and Nick were second again closely followed by Jane Calvert and Ben Stirling in "Tac-tix" who seemed to enjoy the light conditions."