

WOW FIRST RACE FOR 2017 / 2018

Finally the new season of WOW started on the 19th October. It's a bit earlier than usual but the ladies are keen to get underway. Some ladies have been doing the winter series, therefore not as rusty as others.

The bay turned on a nice evening for our first race with no rain in site and moderate wind of a steady 10 knots, which is unusual for this time of year.

It was quite tricky setting the start times for each boat, always a bit of guess work for the initial race. This season there are some new boats so they had to be factored in.

The course was set with boats finishing from the west via the Otumoetai channel. Many boats were flying their spinnakers on the last leg which became quite shy heading up to the finish line. High Point has leading the race boats until a few metres from the finish line when Rascal Tom and Whatever nosed ahead. It was a very close finish with Whatever finishing 7 seconds ahead of Rascal Tom, High Point 7 seconds behind them and Redline closing the gap fast a couple of minutes later. Selah II were awhile later as they had troubles at the beginning of the race.

There were fewer cruising boats than usual as some were away doing various events. Thanks goes especially to those boats that came out at the last minute and made it possible for some ladies to get on the water for the evening.

As per last year, registration is at 5pm at the TYPBC club rooms. Please let Lizanne know by Tuesday evening whether you are coming along or not - email wow.tauranga@gmail.com or txt 022 137 0145.

Don't forget to come up to the clubrooms after sailing to enjoy a meal and some great prizes from our generous sponsors.

See you there

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