

# Sailing 5 August 2018

## Aggregate Match Race Series 8

Yesterday was a brilliant day and early on it looked like another today. But there were showers forecast and they did arrive, quite light before racing but heavier as we finished.

With a Westerly the top mark may have been 'tree blue', but I threw in another buoy short of that and in the middle so that we didn't suffer the shelter of the tree.

First up was Neil Purcell and I. I led away at the start and held a small lead all the way to the final mark where I went right and Neil set off to the left. Closing on the finish line Neil had picked up a shift and he won by a length.

The same happened when I raced Laurie Glover. I failed to cover on the last leg and Laurie won by a length.



Terry O'Neill (12) led John Macaulay (5) around the first lap (above) in their race but eventually succumbed when John was on starboard as they crossed tacks with John taking the win.

John Hinton had problems with his boat taking in large amounts of water. His race with Andy Spierer was delayed until much later and John took the club boat (see below) for the rest of his races.

*Photo below: Neil on the downwind leads Tom Clark (2) while John Hinton (club boat) leads Andy Spierer to top mark.*



At the start between Tom and Reuben Muir (left), Reuben touched Tom's transom and had to do a penalty turn. He didn't lose much in the light wind and crossed close behind when they tacked by the path and he led around the top mark.

With drifting conditions on the downwind Tom soon caught and they went to the bottom mark side by side. Reuben pulled away on the windward and held this to the win.



*Above: Foster Watkinson leads Reuben at top mark.*



Neil Purcell and Laurie Glover (photo left) won all four of their races. I still lead the series but Neil has taken over 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

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**Next Week(s):**

**August 12: Spring Series 3**

**August 19: Spring Series 4**

**August 26: Spring Series 5**

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