

Sailing 24 June 2018

Winter Series 6

There was a light shower at lunch time and the wind died away but afterwards there was a nice breeze most of the time for sailing. Reuben devised yet another of his devious courses that used the whole of the pond.



In **race 1** it was Laurie Glover around the first mark in the lead with Ian Power close behind (photo above) and then Reuben Muir. The wind died away in the far corner for the next mark and several others closed up. At Tree Blue Reuben took the lead and raced away to a huge lead. Laurie was just ahead of Ian at the final mark but Ian rounded very close and edged ahead on the line.



Race 2 had Terry O'Neill lead away and was still leading just ahead of Patrick O'Hanlon and Alan Smith at Tree Blue in light winds (photo left). Wayne Carkeek caught up to Terry and these two broke away to a large lead on lap 2. Eventually Wayne went past to take the win. Reuben led

the rest for 3rd.

In **Race 3** Neil Purcell, John Macaulay and Reuben were away in a group with myself some distance behind but clear of the rest of the fleet. Neil was the right side of shifts at Tree Blue and broke away to take the win by a good margin while I managed to get past John and was threatening Reuben at the last mark.

Race 4 was initially led by Alan, Terry and Ian Power but had John and Reuben taking the lead in lap 2. I had been at the back of the fleet but at Tree Blue the wind was very shifty and light and I picked the shifts to pass several boats to wind up with Wayne chasing those two. At the final mark John and Reuben were side by side as they tried to round together and they collided. Wayne went inside and was given a penalty and I came through to grab the win. Wayne completed his penalty turn for 2nd and Bruce Watson got round and was just ahead of John.

Neil took the lead in **Race 5** and was never threatened all the way to the win. I did get within a few lengths at one point but settled for 2nd. Wayne beat Reuben to get 3rd.

Neil again led **race 6** by a large margin. A bunch was close together on the penultimate leg, John and Reuben took the places after managing not to clash too badly around the final mark this time. **Neil was top boat today** with 3 wins and an assessed win for a total of 8. Reuben and I were 2nd equal from 1 win each and total 13. Wayne had 1 win. Reuben leads the series.

Working Bee - July 15 Lay Day

Wayne brought along some more buoys today (see June Letters), I will add stripes or bands to these. We need to check the buoys again and replace a couple that missed out last round. It is planned to replace the dark one with something brighter.

July 15 is a lay day and will be a fun day if the Winter Series completes as scheduled. We will also use this as a working bee. I will bring along a dingy and buoys.

Members - Old, new and potential

Patrick O'Hanlon has returned to sail with us again today. Mike Renner has returned, now with his boat which is ex Pierre du Plessis's NZL85. Steve Streater was back again this week to observe, he is looking for a Seawind to buy. Gavin Gilmer brought along one of the America's Cup boats (see June Letters) to get advice about a bad split in the keel blade.



Patrick O'Hanlon and Mike Renner

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

July 1: Aggregate Match Race Series 7

July 8: Winter Series FINAL

July 15: Lay Day

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