

# Sailing 9 December 2018

## Summer Series 5

A nice sunny day with a nice breeze had a good turnout of fourteen for the racing today. With the wind from the south we could set a course taking in most of the pond.



**Race 1** had George Stead taking a large lead through the first lap and then increasing it all the way to the finish. Kevin Webb, Wayne Carkeek, Reuben Muir and I fought as a group for the places and finished in that order.

**Race 2** had Terry O'Neill getting a good start and taking the lead with Foster Watkinson and Laurie Glover chasing. George went through the line on the downwind and had to go back and was last around the silver mark, just behind Reuben (photo at foot of page). At the next mark Reuben had caught up to be side by side with Terry but



Terry pulled away again on the reach to 'white' to be a leg ahead (photo above) at the start of the long downwind. With the wind coming in from behind, Reuben closed the gap.

Back on the Windward Reuben soon caught Terry and, soon after going into lap 2, was several lengths ahead.



Reuben and several others went right and got light winds while Terry went left and picked up good winds to be well ahead (centre background) around 'candy' (far right in photo). Meanwhile George (left of centre) had moved through the fleet to now lead the rest.



Terry held this lead through the next few legs but at the end of the long downwind a strong gust broached him and he wound up at the path while George and Reuben swept past (photo above) to take the win.

I won the next two races, **Race 3** by getting away to a large lead and keeping it. **Race 4** by working into a tiny lead and then rushing away on the final downwind with a strong gust while a group staggered to maintain control. George won another in **race 5**.

Foster and Alan Smith took a large lead soon after the divisional start of **race 6**, and they swapped the lead around both laps with Reuben and I chasing them. On the final leg it was Foster taking the win while I crossed ahead of Reuben but then failed to on the next cross and took a penalty but Reuben was slowed giving Alan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

George was top boat on 10, Reuben 11, me 12.

John Macaulay still leads the series.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

**Next Week(s):**

**December 16: Summer Series 6**

**December 23: Xmas break - fun day**

**December 30: New Year break - fun day**

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*Race 2: Terry well ahead out of sight to the right, Reuben and George trailing*