

# Sailing 25 August 2019

## Spring Series 5

The wind was a very gusty and shifty south westerly but sometimes it died away. Fifteen members turned out for the racing plus two old members: Bruce Bower and Alex Roy who are looking at getting their boats back together. I got Bruce to take some photos, such as that at the foot of the page with me leading race 3.

**Race 1** had Terry O'Neill getting a good start and he was around the first mark in the lead and was away to a large lead chased by Lloyd Beehre (99) who held on to second going into lap 2. Back on the windward Reuben Muir caught Terry at the top mark while Kevin Webb passed Terry on the back straight.

Neil Purcell and Andy Spierer collided and locked their masts on the downwind. Later, Neil lost control and went to the far shore.



**Race 2** (a handicap start) had Terry taking the lead again (photo above) but Foster Wilkinson (yellow) passed going around the top mark and then led until the end of lap 1 when Ian Power took the lead with Bruce Watson just behind around the top mark, and Terry back in the hunt. On the back straight Reuben caught Terry then at the penultimate mark Bruce took the lead with Reuben getting past Ian to give the finish order.



In **race 3** I made my start at the far end on starboard on time. By sailing to the far side path I tacked on a shift and led around the top mark by a good margin. On the long downwind several boats caught up but could not establish an overlap so I led around onto the back straight while others interfered with each other around 'candy' letting me get away (photo at page foot). On the final long downwind approaching the mark, a gust hit driving my bow under in a broach towards the path. Bruce was the next boat and the same happened to him but when he got to the path

his forestay gave way - the threat averted. Reuben second, Ian third.



Andy led **race 4** around the first lap (photo left), but eventually Reuben took the lead and the win with Laurie Glover and Bruce getting the places.

In **race 4** Terry went to the right and got shifts to take the lead (photo below) around the first mark and away to a huge lead by the finish.



I was well back but worked through the fleet and eventually was second just ahead of Reuben.

In the **final race** Wayne Carkeek overtook boats until he took the lead from Terry. Ian getting between them by the finish.

**Reuben Muir** was top boat today after 2 wins and a total of 9. He leads the series. **Terry O'Neill** had 15 points and one win and was second. **Bruce Watson**, with one win, **Kevin Webb** and I, with one win, were equal third with 20 points. **Wayne Carkeek** won the final race.

More photos will be on Wayne's Facebook page tomorrow.

## Next Week - Buoy maintenance.

Wayne wants to overhaul the buoys next week. Given a good day I will bring my dingy and a few spare buoys that we have made.

## Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

### Next Week(s):

**September 1: Fathers Day - fun day**

**September 8: Aggregate Match Race FINAL**

**September 15: Spring Series 6**

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