

# Sailing 13 January 2019

## Summer Series FINAL

The final of the Summer series had 14 boats turn out on a hot day that started with a nice breeze. It didn't last though, it dropped to be quite light for the second race. The course had been set as a figure 8 taking in the whole pond but the second race took nearly half an hour so the course was reset to a triangle by lopping off the top loop and we managed to finish the day just a couple of minutes late.

Neil Purcell was having problems with his boat again so he took 112 and reset the mast angle to remove the forward rake I had put in last week.

Mike Renner turned up without a boat as both 85 and 61 had rudder servo problems. He took 96.

With six members able to win the series the competition was going to be intense.

In **race 1** I was just in the lead in light winds at the first mark with several boats immediately behind. I managed to get around and then raced away downwind to be half the pond ahead by 'Tree Blue'. I managed to stay ahead through to the win while my lead was eroded. Initially George Stead was closing but a shift brought Bruce Watson and Reuben Muir into the places.



In **race 2** I worked the shifts better in leg 1 and was once again leading around the first mark and off downwind. With the wind coming from behind a wall of boats came up behind me blanketing the wind from me (photo above). I just made 'tree Blue' in the lead and held this most of the way around the laps but was caught by Laurie Glover and George pushing me back to third.

The course was shortened for **race 3**. Laurie and George did well in the lighter winds with

John taking 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Race 4** had John taking a large lead (photo at foot) with Reuben and Bruce getting the places.

The wind died completely and a shower threatened. It looked as if racing may have been curtailed but the wind came back from the south so the course was reversed. Reuben won the **last two races**. George and Bruce getting the places in **race 5**. **Race 6** was led by Tom Clark



and Andy Spierer (photo above) for most of the race but Reuben caught them on the final downwind and took the win. Andy took his best placing so far with a 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Reuben was top boat today with 12 points. Laurie just 1 point behind. George 3<sup>rd</sup> with 15. This was enough for George to win the series.

### Summer Series Results:

1st	George Stead	47
2nd	Reuben Muir	56
3rd	Bruce Watson	62

### Evening sailing

Over the summer/autumn what do you think about 'fun' racing on, say, a Thursday evening. I think some of the guys are already going down casually. There's an 'app' called 'WhatsApp' that you can set up a group of people and communicate to them all at once. Our family use WhatsApp to share messages, photos, etc between ourselves and it works great. A similar product is Viber. If it was a goer I'd be happy to facilitate the group.

**Mike Renner**

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

**Next Week(s):**

**January 20: Autumn Series START**

**January 27: Anniversary Weekend Regatta**

**February 3: Aggregate Match Racing 3**

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Race 4 leg 4: John, Reuben, Bruce, George, Laurie, John, Terry