

Sailing 9 June 2019

Winter Series 4

After a week of very high winds the morning started off still. It picked up during the morning but was still light for the racing. The storm had stirred up the pond and blown leaves around and there was scrub and twigs in the water.

Fourteen members and one of Reuben's friends: Royce were at the pond for racing. Laurie Glover set the course which was short enough to get through all the races in the time.

Race 1 was won by Reuben Muir with Kevin Webb and Laurie in the places.

Race 2 had Andy Spierer took a good lead. At tree blue a small yacht had caught on the buoy (photo below with Peter Rickerby leading the rest) and he stayed there until Wayne Carkeek on lap 2 created



enough of a wake to shake him off. At the next mark (photo at foot) Wayne had overtaken but Andy still led by a good margin (background). Andy led up to the line for going into lap 2 with Laurie and Wayne closing but the wind died trapping Andy and the fleet bunched up at the line (photo below). Wayne (out of shot) led away with Kevin (right) and Alan Smith chasing. Kevin took the lead on the downwind but the



wind died again and the leaders bunched up in line abreast, with Bruce Watson now joining them. Kevin fell into a hole allowing Bruce, Wayne and Alan to sail



past to take the win and places.

At the start of **race 3** Bruce took the lead with Reuben close behind. Bruce pulled out and Reuben soon pulled out to a large lead and another win. Kevin and Royce taking the places.

In race 4 Andy led away but Alan took the lead at the far yellow and held this into lap two but Reuben and Kevin passed him on the downwind and this was the finishing order.

Race 5 was a win for Kevin, Alan second, I was third.

Mike Renner led away in **race 6** with 185. He had started with his older boat: 85 but it failed and he swapped. Tom Clark took the lead at far yellow but going into lap2 Reuben was closing (photo below). At



the finish the fleet bunched up and several crossed within a second or two. Reuben won again with Bruce and Ian Power placed.

Reuben Muir was top boat again today with 9 points from four wins. **Kevin Webb** was second today with 15 points from one win and several seconds. **Alan Smith** third just 1 point behind. **Bruce Watson** also had a win.

Reuben has a large lead in the series, Wayne Carkeek is second, Kevin Webb moves to third.

Note: Wayne's Facebook page will have many photos

Last week - Queen's Birthday

Nine members turned out for a few rounds of casual racing on a very nice sailing day.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

June 16: Winter series 5

June 23: Winter series 6

June 30: Winter series FINAL

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