

# Sailing 30 June 2019

## Winter Series FINAL

The wind was almost non-existent early on this morning. By midday the Electrons had only completed 4 races. It picked up after that and at times was quite nice. The pond was quite dirty with foliage and scrub around the edge.

A rather long course was set by Reuben Muir and this was reduced a couple of times to be able to get through all the races.

It was Neil Purcell that took the lead early on in **race 1**. I was close behind and had the inside overlap at mark 2 but trying to take a photo had me miss the buoy and Reuben and Tom Clark went past as I recovered.



Reuben soon took the lead in the light conditions (far left in photo above), with Tom and John Macaulay following side by side around silver (center background). That was the finishing order with Reuben finishing about the length of the pond ahead. I had managed to pull back into 2<sup>nd</sup> for a short time but lost out when the wind died.

The race had taken too long, nearly half an hour, so the course was shortened.



**Race 2** had Mike Renner getting well away while Lloyd Beehre and Patrick O'Hanlon side by side chasing downwind from the far yellow (photo above). The next time around that mark the wind died changing all the places but Mike continued to lead (photo below).



Eventually it was Kevin Webb that took the win with Laurie Glover 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mike holding on for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In **race 3** John took an early lead but in lap 2 going to the top far yellow the wind died on the left for him letting Ian Power take the lead and



Reuben and Kevin past. Several lead changes had John first around the last mark but Reuben outsailed him on the short leg to the finish.

For **race 4** the far yellow was eliminated and the first leg shortened to far pink. Patrick and Tom were well ahead (photo below). With the wind



dying ahead they were run down and at the last mark of lap 1 there were 9 boats rounding together, Reuben coming out in the lead.

In **race 5** I took the lead off the line (below) and held it to the win with Ian and Kevin chasing.



**Race 6** had Patrick in the lead for lap 1 but Reuben and Tom went past going into lap 2, holding these to the end, and John moved to be third.

**Reuben Muir** was top boat again with 3 win and a total of 10 points. **Kevin Webb** was second with 11 points and one win. **John Macaulay** was 3<sup>rd</sup> from a series of seconds and thirds total 13.

### Winter Series Results:

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Reuben Muir</b>	<b>32</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> =	<b>Wayne Carkeek</b>	<b>58</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> =	<b>Kevin Webb</b>	<b>58</b>

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**Next Week(s):**

**July 7: Aggregate Match Race Series 7**

**July 14: Lay Day**

**July 21: Spring Series START**

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