

Sailing 31 March 2019

Autumn Series FINAL

There was a heavy shower in the morning that affected the Electrons but it cleared to be a nice sunny day. The wind was mostly with a good strength but it was unstable in direction and gusty.

Seventeen members turned out for the final of the series. John Hinton had problems with his boat and he didn't race. He has bought a new CFE Seawind and hopes to get this racing soon.

A course was set to handle the North to North-east wind. As more members turned up it was felt that the start line was too short for the number of boats so a much longer line was chosen and the course adjusted to suit.

Reuben Muir was safely in the series lead but several could improve to take the places.

In **race 1** with the shifty wind the lead changed several times: Laurie Glover, Kevin Webb, John Macaulay, but by halfway through lap 2 George Stead took the lead chased by John and Ian Power (photo foot of page) and they held this to the finish.

Race 2, a handicap start, had Foster Watkinson getting away to a good sized lead (photo below) at



the second mark, racing on the reach leaving Mike Renner becalmed. When the bulk of the fleet got to



the first mark a strong gust scattered them (photo above). Foster won by a long way while Kevin and George took the places.



In **race 3** I took the lead from the start and led around lap 1 with Bruce tagging my tail. Shifts and lulls had others catch up and eventually Bruce held on for the win while George and Laurie took the places.

Race 4 had Wayne Carkeek on starboard at the first mark forcing Bruce to tack and taking the lead. Others caught and took the lead but it was Wayne that led at the finish with Bruce and Reuben placing.

Race 5 was won by Bruce, Ian and Laurie placing.

In the divisional start **race 6** it was Foster that once again rushed out to a lead. Wayne closed going to



Foster, Wayne, Laurie

green halfway through lap 2 (photo above) but Foster



Foster already finished, Wayne, Laurie

rushed away again and at the finish (photo above) was well ahead of Wayne and Laurie, still going to white, while the rest weren't even in the frame.

Bruce Watson was top boat today with 12 points and two wins. **Laurie Glover** was second on 16 points. **George Stead**, with 1 win, and **Ian Power** were equal third on 23. Two wins to **Foster Watkinson** and one to **Wayne Carkeek**.

Autumn Series Results

1 st	Reuben Muir	40
2 nd	Bruce Watson	63
3 rd	Richard Plinston	66

Divisional Series part 1

A	Kevin Webb	22
B	Tom Clark	19
C	Mike Renner	22

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

April 7: Aggregate Match Race Series 5

April 14: Winter Series START

April 21: Easter - fun day

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