

# Sailing 26 May 2019

## Winter Series 3

The wind was very light, at times nothing at all. There were times that it did spring up enough to sail. A short triangular course was set but even with this a couple of races were set at just one lap.

Sixteen members meant that there was a large fleet. Terry O'Neill couldn't get his boat going this morning so he took club boat 112. My 101 failed at the start of race 4 and I took John Macaulay's 5 while he refereed. I then used Prada 1 for the last two races.



In **race 1** Kevin Webb took some photos. Reuben Muir took an early lead around the first two marks and led away from the fleet (above). The wind died by the



path, I went wide and got wind (center, photo above), taking the lead around the bottom mark (below).



Several boats tried to round together and rafted up



for a while (above). John picked the best route through the holes and led into lap 2. I was close on John's transom at the bottom mark but while he took the win I lost out as the wind brought up boats from behind. Tom Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ian Power 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Race 2** was very slow and took about half an hour. With no wind at the top mark Reuben



managed to be first around and held his lead this time (above) to the win. Ian was initially 2<sup>nd</sup> but was passed by John (far right) and Kevin (center).

**Race 3** was a single lap to catch up time. John and Wayne Carkeek led around mark 1 and, side by side, they get a good sized lead, but Reuben catches them at the bottom mark and passes on the final leg to another win.

**Race 4**, again, has no or little wind at mark 1, Andy Spierer leads around but Wayne and Tom Clark are soon chasing with Reuben close behind. Andy is passed on the downwind and Wayne takes the win with Tom and Reuben getting the places.

**Race 5** had Reuben stepping out to a lead right from the start. Laurie Glover was next and I, in Prada 1, was chasing. I passed Laurie on the downwind and caught up to Reuben on the windward into lap 2. By this time we were well ahead of the fleet and finished half a lap ahead.



Peter Rickerby led the rest (above) and was 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Race 6** was another Reuben win with Foster Watkinson holding on for 2<sup>nd</sup> and Kevin 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Reuben Muir** was top boat with 4 wins and a 3<sup>rd</sup> for 7 points - same as last week. **John Macaulay** second with 1 win and several 2<sup>nd</sup>s for a total of 11. **Wayne Carkeek** and **Kevin Webb** third equal on 20, Wayne getting a win.

Reuben has a strangle hold on the series.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

**Next Week(s):**

**June 2: Queens Birthday - fun day**

**June 9: Winter series 4**

**June 16: Winter series 5**

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