

# Sailing 21 June 2020

## Winter Series 4

It was cold today with the threat of rain but this didn't arrive until the final race and it was just light drizzle at that time, heavier after we left.

20 boats were at the pond, including club boat 66 being sailed by Nick Wedde who was at the pond with his RG65. A course was set to use all the pond but the wind died away so the course was trimmed slightly and then a couple of legs were cut for the last two races. As we were still running late the final race was just one lap.

**Race 1** had Neil Purcell, George Stead, Alan Smith and Laurie Glover break away to be the leading group and this was the finishing order, Neil winning.

**Race 2** was a handicap start but it was Bruce Watson that found the wind on the far side and raced to the lead around the first mark (photo foot of page). On the next, short, windward John Macaulay took the lead chased by Kevin Webb. Bruce was back in the lead after the reach to the wing mark and he held this on the long downwind but the windward to complete the lap was very shifty. Alan Smith briefly took the lead but Kevin went to the path side to get more wind and raced ahead while Rick Royden carried a stream of wind on the far side to round the top mark alongside Kevin. Laurie Glover followed and eventually passed Rick to be 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Kevin at the finish, Rick 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Kevin was away again in **race 3**, leading around the first mark with John chasing. Several boats were together trying to round this mark with light wind and this allowed these two to take a good lead. Tom Clark and Rick caught up to John on the downwind but John went to the far side on the windward and got more wind to shake them off and get close to Kevin at the top mark and was within a boat length on the long downwind but Kevin won this, Rick 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In **race 4** I started at the far end of the line and picked up a gust which took me past all the earlier starters to be around the first mark in the lead just ahead of Alan. We were not able to hold this position and the race was won by Bruce with John 2<sup>nd</sup> and Rick getting his third 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In **race 5** I tried the same start again and got a breeze to race away to lead around the top mark by a good margin (photo top next column). By the next windward George and Bruce had passed me. On the



final downwind Tom and Neil had joined us and we were all side by side but I held the inside line and eased ahead. At the final mark I tacked to port and Bruce hit me to give a penalty. I made enough gains to take the turn on the finish line and win by an inch. Neil 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The **final race** was won by Tom from Rick and Wayne Carkeek.

**Kevin Webb** and **Rick Royden** were equal top today on 15, **Neil Purcell** third on 18.

## Fraser, McCaw and Match Race Cups

Alan Smith and Mike Renner sailed the first race for the McCaw Cup today.



Alan led over the line and held a narrow lead around the first lap (above) but Mike took the lead on the last leg to win the race.

Bruce Watson and I also sailed the long delayed first race for the Match Race Cup 2019. Bruce led across the line and held this to the finish. I had two close attempts to give Bruce a penalty at the top mark.

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### Next Week(s):

**June 28: Winter Series 5**

**July 5: Aggregate Match Race Series**

**July 12: Winter Series 6**

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