

# Sailing 28 June 2020

## Winter Series 5



The pond level was rather higher today after some heavy rain during the week and it was high tide around 1pm so it wasn't going to drop any time soon. Launching and recovery was a



problem because the depth over the path was greater than the height of most gumboots. Mike Renner didn't go far enough and cracked his keel box when he

launched. This nearly sank the boat (photo above) and he went to his spare, Sirocco 61.

Sixteen members raced today in spite of the forecast and the pond level. There were a couple of light showers while we raced. The wind was generally a good sailing breeze but it swung from north-west to almost south-west.

There was a delayed start to **race 1** while two boats that had locked together were freed on the far shore. Bruce Watson led away at the start closely followed by Reuben Muir. Bruce got away to a few lengths lead around the first couple of marks but Reuben reeled him back in and the two were bow to stern going into lap 2. At the top mark 'Bridge Yellow' the wind was light and the fleet caught them up. Reuben took the lead on the downwind and Tom Clark and John Macaulay caught up to Bruce but it was Wayne Carkeek that came through to claim 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Race 2** had Terry O'Neill take the lead with enough margin to hold this to the win. Neil Purcell held onto second for most of the course but was passed by John pushing him to 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Race 3** was Reuben all the way to the finish. Rick Royden and John getting the places.



**Race 4** was led by Neil and Terry (photo left) again but this time it was Neil that took the win with Terry 2<sup>nd</sup> and Matt Wilmot taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place (2<sup>nd</sup> from right photo below) by passing Mike at the line.



**Race 5** was led by Tom (right photo above) closely followed by Rick, George Stead and John who took the win and places when Tom fell back.

In the **final, divisional start, race** Matt and Mike were soon run down by the B division, Wayne taking a lead of several lengths on the downwind. At the top marks in lap 2 Reuben was catching Wayne and Tom was leading the rest. Reuben passed to take the win.

**Reuben Muir** was top boat today with 12 points from three wins. **John Macaulay** had 17 points from 2<sup>nd</sup>s and 3<sup>rd</sup>s. **Neil Purcell** was third with 21 points and one win. Other wins went to **Terry O'Neill** and **Rick Royden**.

See photos on [Wayne's Facebook page](#) soon.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

Next Week(s):

**July 5: Aggregate Match Race Series**

**July 12: Winter Series 6**

**July 19: Winter Series FINAL**

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