

# Sailing 15 March 2020

## Autumn Series 4

The day was hot with a southerly wind. The course was almost a copy of last weeks but in the reverse direction.



**Race 1** had Tom Clark take the lead closely followed by Neil Purcell in 66 (photo above). George Stead was next then myself. Tom rushed away as Neil was stranded in a hole. George then caught Tom as the wind died at 'Bridge Yellow'. I caught a mark but was quickly off and caught up to the leaders around 'Tree Blue'. In lap 2 Neil regained second and Ian Power moved to third, on the



final downwind these two were side by side with George just a couple of lengths behind Tom (photo above) but I was following closely and was able to pass Neil when he went the wrong side of the yellow/orange here and then Ian to steal third place behind George.



Tom led around the first mark in **race 2** with Rick Royden close behind (photo above). On the back reach to 'Bridge yellow', which turned into a windward, Neil crossed ahead of Rick and was close behind Tom\*, George following. Rick caught some weed and went to clear it letting Bruce Watson take the chase\*. Tom had his second win with Neil and Bruce placing\*.

Wayne broke a shroud and dropped his mast when he launched and then during the race he broke another.

Rick soon led **race 3**. Tom, Ian and I fought for places and I was eventually second, Ian third.

Mike Renner led **race 4** but Wayne Carkeek passed him on the downwind and eventually took the win with George passing Mike in the later stages.

**Race 5** was also won by Wayne while myself and Tom took the places.

In **race 6** Rick took the lead off the line. The B division boats led by Wayne and Ian chased after him but his early lead was too great to run him down. Bruce led the A division boats at the finish.

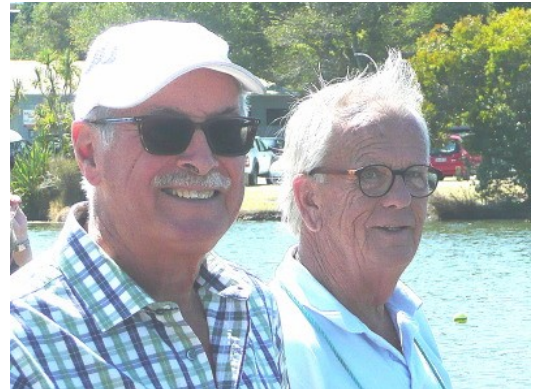
**Tom Clark, George Stead** and I were top equal today with 16 points each. Tom won 2 races. Race wins also went to Wayne Carkeek and Rick Royden with 2 each.

With 3 days counting and one dropped, Rick Royden now leads the series with myself second and George Stead third.

## State of the Pond

There was new growth of algae along the path. I arrived early with several rakes and pulled it out as the Electron sailors stepped around me. Neil and a couple of others also did some raking.

## Members



Brian Chistensen (left) and Stewart Limmer sailed the club boat last week and have now ordered two Readysset Seawinds.

Patricia Parkin's Seawind has now arrived her boat will be numbered 38 and Kjeld's is 58.



## Club Boats

Brian Stead's 66 (photo left) has been brought into service as a club boat by Neil Purcell. The original Readysset ballast bulb and sails were installed. Neil has added splodges of red tape to aid identification.

I brought Savannah 96 back into use as a club boat today and Stewart and Brian sailed it before racing and in a couple of races.

## Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

\* More photos will be on [Wayne's Facebook](#) later.

### Next Week(s):

**March 22: Autumn Series 5**

**March 29: Autumn Series 6**

**April 5: Aggregate Match Race Series 5**

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