

Sailing 22 March 2020

Autumn Series 5

The wind was anywhere from north-east to west. A complicated course was set and this proved to not have any long windwards so it was later simplified with longer legs.



In **race 1** Neil Purcell took an early lead. He was first around the first three marks (photo above) with a good margin, but he then picked up some weed and this allowed Laurie Glover and Bruce Watson to pass. Later Neil's 6 failed again and he withdrew and took club boat 66 that I had brought along for the rest of the races. Soon Reuben Muir was up alongside Laurie. Laurie pulled ahead but on the next windward Reuben was on starboard and forced Laurie to track. On the next cross Laurie had to go behind. This held until the finish. Tom Clark third.

Race 2 was initially led by Alan Smith closely followed by Rick Royden. Rick took the lead on the long downwind and was able to stretch this out and not be threatened for the win. Reuben and Bruce Watson worked through the fleet to take the places.



The wind went light for the start of **race 3** (above). Alan (70) managed to find a breeze while Reuben had to go around again. By the second mark Bruce led with Alan and Kevin Webb close behind. After the



long downwind Laurie was leading. Reuben passed one by one until he was going to the finish along- side Laurie (left). Kevin third just ahead of Bruce.

Race 4 was won by George Stead just ahead of Reuben, Kevin third.

In **race 5** I managed to take the lead briefly after Bruce started going to the wrong mark, but George and Bruce came back and I was third.



Initially Alan led again in **race 6** closely followed by Rick. Rick took the lead but was soon run down by Laurie with Tom close by (photo above), soon to pass. Reuben then caught Rick to be third.

Reuben Muir was top boat today with one win and several seconds and a total of 8. He takes the series lead with three days counting. **Laurie Glover** was second with two wins and a total of 15. **Bruce Watson** third with 18 points. **George Stead** had two wins. **Rick Royden** one win and second in the series.

Members

Brian Christensen and Stewart Limmer had their new Readyset Seawinds. They had planned to go to the pond on Thursday morning to try sailing them but the rain stopped them so they hadn't been in the water before this afternoon.

State of the Pond

Rick, Neil and I did some raking out of weed before racing started. There hadn't been as much growth as before. later in the afternoon when the pond heated up some weed did start coming to the surface.

Mike Renner had lodged a complaint earlier about the weed with the council. I expanded this in an [email](#) that is posted on the website. In this I ask for the fountains to be made to work to oxygenate the pond as this will help control the weed.

I can now confirm that the sprinklers located at Onepoto pond were completely blocked with silt and other debris, this would explain why the original pump had burnt out.

We managed to remove the sprinkler heads and flush the line clean with the new pump.

The sprinklers are now operational and working on the timer system.

Regards Joseph Scarlett, Stormwater.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

March 29: Autumn Series 6

April 5: Aggregate Match Race Series 5

April 12: Easter - fun day

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