

Sailing 31 May 2020

Winter Series START

The forecast was for heavy rain and strong winds later. In fact it was reasonably OK for most of the afternoon until the final race where it did start to rain a bit.

Eleven members turned out for restarting competitive racing. Kjeld Parkin's 58 failed. As he used Mode 1 transmitter he didn't want to use my spare boat and took Patrica's 38. Neil Purcell had not heard that it was the start of Winter series and had brought along one of his IOMs. He took club boat 66 for the racing.



At the start of the **first race** for 10 weeks (above) Kjeld got the best start (38). Simon Adamson luffed Ian Power early at the other start mark (far left) and Ian caught the buoy while Simon's 82 caught on something on Ian's boat. They stayed there for a while and Ian retired.

Reuben Muir was first to get to the first mark but failed to round it and had to return. This let Rick Royden take the lead followed closely by Neil and Bruce Watson.



Bruce led at the next mark and Reuben had caught up and they went to Tree Blue side by side (left) with Reuben easing ahead. In the second lap Bruce managed to get an inside overlap to

take the lead back. Wayne Carkeek and Rick Royden had worked through the rest to take position behind those two.

On the windward to the penultimate mark Rick worked the shifts to cross ahead into the lead.



Going to the mark Reuben and Bruce collided (left) letting Rick rush away downwind to take the win while they untangled and Bruce did his penalty turn. Wayne also came through to be second, Reuben third.

In **race 2** Simon Adamson held the lead for almost the whole of

the first lap, being passed by Reuben a couple of metres short of the line to lap 2. Reuben eventually won with Bruce and Wayne in the places. Kjeld got a creditable fourth place.

I managed to get a good sized lead in **race 3** but on a downwind the wind died ahead and came up from behind letting Reuben and Ian pass.

Reuben also won **race 4**. Rick beat him in **race 5** and Wayne won the **final race** with Rick and Reuben taking the places.

Reben was top boat today, Rick 2nd, Wayne 3rd.

Letters to the Editor

Do you have information regarding repairing the mast on my Seawind which is broken at the join.

Stewart Limmer

A: This can happen when electrolysis occurs between the mast and the joiner. Page 6 of my [Building and Rebuilding](#) document covers this.

I have repaired masts but it is usually better to replace the mast with a new one. Hobby City say they have one in stock.

Importance of Test Equipment

Last week I mentioned that Prada 1's servos were juddering and swinging. I pulled the wiring out and used the servo tester which showed the servos worked OK. I cleaned the transmitter. I replaced the receiver. The results were still the same. I then replaced the battery pack and the servos behaved themselves. One of the cells had failed, presumably causing fluctuating voltage.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

June 7: Winter Series 2

June 14: Winter Series 3

June 21: Winter Series 4

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