

# Sailing 20 December 2020

## Summer Series 6

With almost no weather wind the wind at the pond was driven by thermals. It swung from north to west and for brief times it went southerly. A course was set with zig zags at both ends but after the first race this was changed to simplify it by removing a zig and a zag.

Thirteen members turned out for the racing. This included Sam Hill who is now a member. David Williams now has a Readysset that he bought on TradeMe.



**Race 1** had Rick Royden taking the lead followed by Bruce Watson and Reuben Muir (above). In the light wind Rick sped off to a large lead while a shift took me past Bruce and Reuben. By the next lap at these marks Reuben led with Wayne Carkeek keeping close behind and these two raced away to the finish while Rick held on for third.

**Race 2** was led around the first lap by Alan Watson. The course change used a different mark and a couple of boats had to return.



At the end of the long downwind Alan was a couple of marks ahead (above).



With the wind dropped to almost nothing Rick broke away and was catching Alan (above) but caught large weed and went to the far shore.

Wayne was next to break away from the fleet but Alan led into lap 2 while Reuben caught up to Wayne in the fluctuating winds and these two soon took the lead, holding this to the finish while Bruce took third.



At the first mark in **race 3** it was Bruce, Reuben and Rick (above) and they held these places at the finish.

**Race 4** had Mike Renner take a huge lead. Rick broke away from the bunch and was chasing Mike hard into lap 2 but at the top mark he caught the buoy letting Mike get away to the win. I was at some distance behind Rick but when I got to the buoy I pushed Rick off but this let Bruce get past me. Bruce second, I was third.



**Race 5** started with a good breeze. Around the first mark I was up in the leading group (above) but the wind soon died away almost completely. It was reduced to a single lap to give time for race 6. Bruce won, Reuben second, I was third.

In **race 6** Laurie Glover and Wayne soon took the lead from Mike and Alan with Sam Hill in there between them. At the bottom mark Wayne led away but Reuben was soon chasing him. Reuben got past but Wayne held on just a length behind. At the final mark they had a good lead on the rest with Laurie next but Bruce caught him to be third.

**Reben Muir** was top boat today with three wins and a couple of seconds and a total of 7 to cement in his series lead. **Bruce Watson** was next with two wins and a total of 10 points.

**Wayne Carkeek** was third on 14 points. **Mike Renner** took the other win.

Follow [Wayne's FaceBook page](#) for more and larger photos later in the week.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

**Next Week(s):**

**December 27: Xmas Break**

**January 3: New Year Break**

**January 10; Aggregate match Race 2**

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