

Sailing 18 April 2021

Autumn Series FINAL

Seventeen members were racing today in the final of the series. With two days lost due to high wind and insufficient wind the series will count four racing days with just one discard day.

The wind today was quite light from the south and sometimes was even lighter around the bridge yellow.

Race 1 had Laurie Glover and Ian Power take the early lead (photo foot of page) and these two led around the first couple of marks. At Bridge Yellow George Stead was on starboard and took the lead for the win. Bruce Watson held the wind across the calm patch around yellow to pass 3 or 4 boats to follow Laurie and later pass him. John Macaulay caught and passed Laurie and Ian on the downwind.

In **race 2** Ian worked through the earlier starters and then went to a large lead to win while Bruce and John took the places.

Rick Royden and Alan Smith had the best start in **race 3** and by the second mark Rick had rushed away (photo below) to be uncatchable while Bruce



and John chased Alan. The bulk of the fleet bunched together making it difficult for any of them to break away. Alan was passed, Bruce and John taking the places again.



Race 4 had Ian getting a huge lead. He was going into lap 2 (photo above) while Bruce and John led the rest on the downwind past the line with some way to go to the turning marks. The bunch were already having problems, a couple of boats nearly went through the line the wrong way and had to turn sharply. Several of these boats collided going around the next mark leaving the two black hulls to get away to take the places.

Bruce and George led away at the start of **race 5** but Ian was on starboard at speed (photo next column) and took the lead around the first mark, Kjeld Parkin



next. A shift had Bruce nearly catch Ian at Bridge Yellow but Ian was on starboard and held the lead which he increased all the way to the finish, Bruce and John getting the places again.



The **final, divisional start, race** soon had Kjeld take the lead (photo above) and he rushed away to hold this to take the win. Ian and Bruce crossed tacks but it was Rick that was next around Bridge Yellow and he held this for second while John got yet another third place.

Ian Power was top boat today with 10 points from three wins. **Bruce Watson** was next with 11 points from several 2nd places, his discard was a 3rd. **John Macaulay** had 14 points from several 3rd places. Races were also won by Kjeld Parkin, George Stead and Rick Royden.

Results Autumn Series:

1 st	Ian Power	74
2 nd	Laurie Glover	80
3 rd =	John Macaulay	82
3 rd =	Rick Royden	82

Results Divisional Series part 1:

A	Rick Royden	27
B	Laurie Glover	20
C	Mike Renner	20

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

See [Wayne's Facebook page](#) for more photos.

Next Week(s):

April 25: ANZAC weekend - fun day

May 2: Aggregate Match Race 6

May 9: Mother's Day - fun day

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Buoy Maintenance 18 April 2021

It has been 18 months since the buoys were last maintained. The ropes get covered in fresh water mussels (photo below) and if these get too heavy the buoys can sink.



We started by throwing out a grapnel to catch the buoy rope of those close enough to the path and dragged the buoy to the path where the mussels were stripped off and the buoy scrubbed to remove the mud. These could be thrown back.



Daniel Leech brought along his inflatable dinghy with which he could fetch those buoys out of reach of the grapnel and then, later, return them. Some of the buoys had some adjustment to improve the use for start lines.



Some of the buoys were still the old design using an iron staple set in the concrete. These rust and wear and eventually break so some weights were lost when the buoy was lifted.



There was good turnout of workers, including several Electron sailors, to do the cleaning of the two dozen buoys.



Some of the buoys were laid out to select the longest ropes to go into the center of the pond where it was deepest.

A couple of new buoys, of the new design, were used to replace those where the weights were lost. In one case the rope slipped off the

buoy hook as it was lifted so the rope and weight were lost.



Some of the buoy colours have changed but Wayne repainted the magnets on the chart board. The web site will be updated.

Thanks to all that helped maintain the buoys.

State of the Pond

Barry of the Electrons had been going to the pond mid week to rake out weed. It is now quite clear even at the north end.

There is still some weed on the pond bed as shown by the grapnel. The rain had made the water less salty and thus less buoyant so some weed could rise again if there are hot days.