

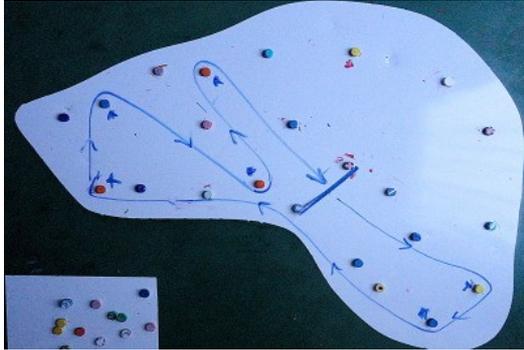
# Sailing 1 August 2021

## Spring Series 2

The wind was very light in the morning, just a drifter for the Electrons, but it picked up after midday to be a nice moderate sailing breeze.

A new potential member, Chris Ward, arrived having bought Bruce Watson's CFE Seawind. He did rather well with it given it was his first time sailing RC boats.

Chris Yates had problems with his electronics on 113 so he took club boat 112 for the racing and in a couple of races nearly took the win.



Reuben Muir set a relatively simple course (above) for the 14 boats that were racing.



Mike Renner and Rick Royden led away at the start of **race 1** (above) but it was Ian Power first around mark 1 followed by Laurie Glover and Rick. These three established a large gap back to the rest of the fleet and swapped places with each other until at the finish the order was Rick, Laurie then Ian.

Chris Yates, sailing the club boat, took the lead in **race 2**, followed by Peter Rickerby and Chris Ward. By the end of the long downwind Chris Yates had taken a good sized lead but Ian was up in the following group of half a dozen that clashed around the bottom mark. In lap 2 Chris held the lead but Rick



had been catching. At the final mark (above) Rick was closing and Ian was next. Going to the line Rick and Ian were on starboard. It looked like Chris could cross ahead but he tacked and fell back to third place.

**Race 3** had Rick, Ian and John Macaulay leading side by side at the end of the long downwind.

Back on the wind John sped off to a large lead and eventually won while Wayne Carkeek and Reuben broke away from the fleet to get placed.

**Race 4** had Chris Yates take another large lead with Peter also well ahead of the rest going into lap 2. At the top mark in lap 2 the wind died and Peter took the lead. These two were side by side on the downwind with several lengths back to a following group. Back



on the wind John passed Peter and was catching Chris. In the dog-leg they were side by side while Wayne, on port, tried to cut in front of Reuben at the dog-leg 'orange'. John had inside overlap to take the lead at the final mark (left) and the win with Chris second and Ian up into third.

It was Reuben who sped out to a large lead in **race 5** with Wayne halving the gap back to the next group who were initially led by Mike and Laurie Glover but Rick passed those to be third.

The **final race** had Chris Ward leading at the top mark followed by Mike and Ian. By the end of the downwind Rick had caught them and Mike took the lead through the dog-leg. In lap 2 Reuben and John moved through the fleet, Reuben taking the lead from Rick at the top mark and holding this to take the win while John passed Chris Ward and Ian to be third.

Two boats had top score today: **Reuben Muir** and **Rick Royden** had 13 points, each with two race wins. **Ian Power** was third with 17 points. The other two wins went to **John Macaulay**.

## End of Year

The Spring Series is the last seasonal series of the club year so we must start thinking about what we want to do for the next year of sailing. On the basis that next year will be same as this year I will draw up a schedule that is a repeat. If changes are wanted by the membership then these should be proposed to be considered and voted on at the AGM.

I have been producing 'Upwind' newsletters at the end of the club year and this is a call for members to submit any proposals and for articles that would be of interest to the membership.

A volunteer to do the catering at the AGM would be nice too.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

**Next Week(s):**

**August 8: Aggregate Match Race 8**

**August 15: Spring Series 3**

**August 22: Spring Series 4**

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