

Sailing 8 August 2021

Aggregate Match Race Series 8

Gale force North-westerly winds were forecast for later today but it wasn't quite that bad and we only had one shower. With 11 members turning out for the racing there were 22 races to get through. By keeping up to three races on the course we got through by 3:30 and could get away before the next rain squall.

Chris Yates took club boat 112 again today saying that his was still broken.

First up were Rick Royden and I. Rick's start was slightly late allowing me to get away and lead for the first lap. On the final downwind Rick was catching and as I made a wide rounding at the bottom mark Rick could turn inside and hold me from tacking. As he tacked I carried on a couple of lengths and then I could just lay the finish. Rick tried to pinch up but this slowed him down and I was able to sail past and take the win.



In the race between Mike Renner and Tom Clark, Tom was well in the lead around the bottom mark and back on the windward when he went too close to Mike who was still on the downwind. Mike tried to avoid but Tom's mast top clipped him (left).



Brian Christensen led John Macaulay away from the start (above) but John was able to point higher and the strong winds gave Brian problems in tacking and John took the win.



In the second round (above) Rick (left) leads Kjeld (2nd right) while Tom, on port tack, crosses in front of Laurie Glover. Rick won his race. Laurie caught up to



Tom at the bottom mark but tapped Tom's transom so after they rounded (left) Laurie had to do a penalty turn which allowed Tom to get away and win.

Rick got lost in the pre-start of his race with John. A gust hit and he was unable to tack to get to enter the start area and he nearly wound up on the far shore.

Kjeld had a halyard break on 58 so he went to take Patricia's 38 but this had earlier broken its vang so he had to put 58's vang onto 38 to use it.



Chris Ward led Mike in their race and crossed ahead (above) but had problems tacking in the strong winds of the final round and Mike was able to pass and take the win.

I was top boat today, winning all four of my races. Tom Clark, John Macaulay, Laurie Glover and Chris Yates each won 3 of their races.

McCaw Match Race Cup

Brian Christensen and Kjeld Parkin had another race in their series prior to the start of aggregate racing. Kjeld led across the line and held this lead to the win. Kjeld is now leading 2:1 in their 5 race semi-final.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS



Next Week(s):

August 15: Spring Series 3

August 22: Spring Series 4

August 29: Spring Series 5

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