

Sailing 15 August 2021

Spring Series 3

There was a gentle south-westerly though it sometimes died away to almost nothing, especially at the top mark. As this was the same direction as the previous round the same course could be used.

Fifteen members raced today, a good turnout.



In **race 1** Wayne Carkeek was over at the start (above) and was recalled. Bruce Watson and John Macaulay caught a gust and rushed away to lead around the top mark which was now almost becalmed. Bruce escaped while Alan Smith caught up to John at the mark and Wayne hooked onto it briefly and re-rounded to clear the penalty for doing that. While Bruce had taken a good lead he was caught by John in the dog-leg who led into lap 2. Bruce was back leading John at the top mark and on the downwind but John was close behind and Rick Royden was next. Back on the short windward John got past then Tom Clark was next at the final mark. At the finish line it was: John, Rick, Wayne.

Race 2 had Kjeld Parkin lead around the first mark with Chris Ward next. These two took a large lead but in lap 2 at the top mark Alan had caught up and led on the downwind and to the final mark. Kjeld passed on the final leg to take the win with Alan and Chris placing.



Race 3 had Chris Ward make a great port end start to take the lead, but as the wind died Tom and Alan bracketed Chris (left) and these two led around the first mark to take a good sized lead on the long downwind. Wayne led the rest of the fleet and this was the finishing order.

Alan led Kjeld around the first mark in **race 4** with Chris Yates and Daniel Leech close behind, but soon the bulk of the fleet were around. While the two leaders held the lead on the downwind, those just behind them were eight abreast and had to sort themselves rounding the bottom mark, Bruce and Rick getting the best of this. In lap 2 Rick had taken the lead around the top mark with Alan and Bruce close behind but Bruce passed the other two on the downwind to take the win.

The wind died away for the **race 5** start. Bruce found some wind and took a large lead while a group of five rounded the top mark and were line abreast on the

downwind. In light wind a group like this can block the wind and slow down and Alan was able to sail around them to get the inside overlap at the downwind mark to lead the chase after Bruce. In lap 2 Alan took the lead but the wind died and Rick and Wayne caught up, Rick drifting around the top mark in the lead with Bruce and Wayne following. This being the finishing order, the rest of the fleet being left in the doldrums.

The wind was back up for **race 6**. Mike Renner earned a star for being first around the top mark. Alan was soon on his tail and Chris Yates led to the top mark in lap 2, but in the end it was won by John with Bruce and Rick placing.

Bruce Watson and **Rick Royden** were equal top boats today, each with 13 points and 1 win. **Alan Smith** was third with 18 points from several placings. Wins also went to **John Macaulay** with 2, **Kjeld Parkin** and **Tom Clark**. Bruce leads the series.

Fraser and McCaw Match Race Cups

Laurie Glover and Wayne Carkeek started their 5 race series final for the Fraser Cup with two races. In both races Laurie was able to take the lead soon after the start and hold this to take the wins.



In the McCaw Cup Brian Christensen and Kjeld Parkin completed the semi-final 5 race series in which Kjeld led 2:1 as of last week. In the first race Kjeld led in the very light winds to have a good sized lead around the top mark. Brian slowly closed this gap and on the second lap downwind he caught Kjeld (left above) and led at the final mark to take the win.



In the second race pre-start Brian on starboard scored a penalty on Kjeld. Then Brian tried for a second penalty in almost no wind he crept up from behind on Kjeld and touched the now windward boat (left). This was disallowed as rule 15 states that room must be given to keep clear and Kjeld, being stationary, did not have this room. Kjeld led away at the start, did his penalty turn, and the two were side by side almost becalmed when a gust took Brian into the lead and eventually the win.

Brian will now race Mike Renner in the series final.

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Next Week(s):

August 22: Spring Series 4

August 29: Spring Series 5

September 5: Father's day - fun day

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