

# Sailing 14 Febuary 2021

## Aggregate Match Race Series 3

The wind was a nice sailing breeze from the north-east. With the members for the first couple of races at the pond we were able to start early and, by keeping 3 races on the course, get through the races by 3:15 to get back home to watch the Prada Cup races.



*There were some strong gusts during racing.*

First up was Rick Royden and I. We were even at the start but a strong gust had my boat rounding up and Rick got away to take an easy win. I made a couple of adjustments and did better in my other races.



Kjeld Parkin is back sailing. Here he leads Mike Renner sailing 61 across at the start. Kjeld won this and also beat George Stead later.

Mike later changed to sailing 85.



Laurie Glover kept it close for some time in his race against Rick (left), but eventually Rick pulled away to take another win.

Rick won all four of his races today, again.



George Stead and Brian Christensen mix it up in the pre-start while Rick sails past.



Mike, now with 85 (right), leads away from the top mark in his race with Brian (left) while Kjeld has the inside overlap on George.



In my race with Neil Purcell (above) we had an even start. Initially I pulled ahead but Neil led around the first mark. We swapped the lead several times and kept it close until, on the final leg, Neil on port failed to be clear ahead on a cross and had to do a penalty turn giving me the win.

With Rick Royden having his third race day with maximum 8 points he has taken a substantial lead in the series.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

**Next Week(s):**

**February 21: Autumn Series 2**

**February 28: Autumn Series 3**

**March 7: Aggregate Match Race Series 4**

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