

Sailing 17 January 2021

Summer Series FINAL

Early on the wind was quite light and was swinging from south-west to almost north. It picked up and settled in the west. With no sensible start line giving a windward start, I set a course with a long reach to the white in the far corner which then gave two windward legs to 'tree blue'. 13 members raced today.



Race 1 had a collision on the start line which tied up a handful of boats for a short time (left). They soon cleared though. Bruce Watson was first around the first mark (below) and was soon away to a large lead held to the win. Wayne Carkeek was



involved in the collision but was catching the leaders and moved into 2nd halfway through lap 2 to push Rick Royden back into 3rd.

Neil Purcell had his rudder servo give problems and he took my spare boat 1 for the rest of the races.

Race 2 was initially led by Kjeld Parkin and Alan Watson through the windwards, but Alan caught on a buoy and on the downwind Laurie Glover and George Stead were chasing Kjeld hard and passed him going into lap 2. Wayne caught up on the lap 2 windwards and passed them to take the win.

Race 3 had Laurie get a good lead going to the first mark and held this through the windwards but Bruce was hot on his stern. Laurie has caught some weed and dropped back while George and Tom Clark chased Bruce and eventually passed him before the finish.

I led **Race 4** for a while in the windwards but Wayne passed me. At the end of the downwind Wayne touched a mark and then I touched one too. We did our penalty turns and were caught by Tom and Rick. Wayne and I were back in the lead at the final 'tree blue' and rushed away downwind stern to bow getting half a pond length on Rick. Wayne won by a length.

The wind increased in **race 5**. Wayne won with Bruce and Rick getting the places.

The wind was stronger in **race 6** and it started to drizzle. Some went home to avoid the rain. Wayne took another win with Bruce and George placing.

Wayne Carkeek had 4 wins today and a second to give him 6 points - enough to win the day and the series. **Bruce Watson** had one win and a total of 10 points **George Stead** was third with one win and 15.

Summer Series 2021 Results

1 st	Wayne Carkeek	44
2 nd	Reuben Muir	45
3 rd	Bruce Watson	54

From Wayne:

Thank you Richard, I gave it everything I had. The whole weekend was dedicated to setting sails rig, repairing the hull scrapes and marks and even food and sleep like it was a physical event. All my learnings from the past 3 years came together today and when it looked a bit hopeless in race one I kept my composure to come back which was even better. It felt like I was running a marathon today, every second was at the max. I remember my first year seeing Reuben's face when he celebrated his first win, I could tell it took a lot of effort even for him and I knew I wanted to do that one day.



Re-New Member

Peter Buxton was a member and sailed with the club in 2010. He had to stop after a motorcycle accident left him in a wheelchair. He is now back. He sailed the club boat 112 today and is looking to buy Terry O'Neill's Sapphire number 12.

Notice of Race - Anniversary Regatta

The Anniversary weekend Regatta will be sailed on 31st January. hopefully we can start early as soon after 1pm as possible to get through all the races. A notice will be posted on the web site.

Quarter Scale RC Zephyrs

I have been contacted by Steve Pyatt because a number of Zephyr sailors have built 1/4 scale ballasted radio controlled Zephyrs and are looking for a pond to sail them. I have suggested that Onepoto is free on Saturdays.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

January 24: Autumn Series START

January 31: Anniversary Weekend Regatta

February 7: Waitangi Weekend - fun day

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