

Sailing 24 January 2021

Autumn Series START

There was a very light shower during racing, as I left a heavy shower started. Generally the wind was south-westerly but it went more west for the last couple of races and the course was changed appropriately.

Ivan Fraser turned up to get back into racing. His boat needs more work on the electricals so he took the club boat 112 for a few races. I gave him the ref for the first race to give him the feel for the pond after some years.



Terry O'Neill was also at the pond but this was to sell his boat to Peter Buxton (above). He did sail one race for old time sake.

Daniel Leech has a new Readysset numbered 674 to match his keeler.



Race 1 had Reuben Muir get well away around the top two marks and on the downwind (above) while the wind dropped for the rest. Alan Watson lost his hat and stepped off the path in trying to retrieve it. Neil Purcell hauled him out and lost many places in the race as he had been 2nd around the marks. Later Alan Smith and Terry, sailing the club boat, collided and went to the far shore. Reuben won with Wayne Carkeek and George Stead taking the places.



Race 2 had Neil lead around the top marks with Ivan next but Ian Power was close behind and Mike Renner in touch (above). Ian took the lead going to the top marks in lap 2 and took the win.



Mike and Ivan held off the rest to take the places (Ian's finish above).



In **race 3** I led around the first mark and took a good sized lead on the downwind (above).



Wayne led the rest going into lap 2 (above) but eventually Reuben passed us both to take the win.

Race 4 was led all the way by Mike with Ian and Reuben taking the places.

In **race 5** I led on the first downwind but Reuben passed and was half the pond ahead by the finish. I caught a buoy. George and Alan Smith taking the places.

Race 6 was won by Ian Power with Reuben getting second and Mike holding on for third.

Reuben Muir was top boat today with 3 wins and 8 points. **Ian Power** was next with 16 points and 2 wins. **John Macaulay** was third with 20 points. **Mike Renner** won one race.

From Alan Watson:

Could you please add a note of thanks in tonight's Sailing thanking the people who pulled me out of the pond and Mike for checking to see if I was alright. A few abrasions but nothing serious will be back next week. I even got my cap back, a bit soggy though.

Kind regards, Allan 515.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

January 31: Anniversary Weekend Regatta
February 7: Waitangi Weekend - fun day
February 14: Aggregate Match Race Series 3

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