

# Sailing 31 January 2021

## Anniversary Weekend Regatta

There was almost no one at Onepoto today, they must have all gone to the beach. A dozen members turned out for the regatta, plus a few extras as spectators.

Neil Purcell had locked his keys in his car so several worked with a wire from a wheel trim to hook the keys from the ignition. I got the boat hook and managed to force it through the narrow gap in the door window, after Wayne had removed the rain shade, and unlock the passenger door. It then needed a jump start and a run as the radio had run down the battery.

Peter Buxton had Sapphire 12 and sailed it in testing time but the rudder failed so he took club boat 112 for the racing. Rick Royden also had his boat fail and he took my spare Prada 1 but he missed race 1.

With 11 boats racing there were 3 groups of 3 or 4 to give 9 races of up to 8 boats in each.



Tom Clark made a good start in race 1 while the rest were in disarray. Soon, however, Laurie



Glover took the lead (above) going to the first mark. The lead then went to Tom at the next mark and Bruce Watson at the following. A couple of legs later a collision between Tom and Laurie (left) let Bruce get a bigger lead. With fluky winds at the top mark halfway through lap 2



the first four boats were very close (above).



At the next mark Mike Renner got the inside overlap on Laurie to take the lead (above) but it was Laurie that took the win from Bruce and Tom.



*Laurie leads around the top mark, Bruce, Tom, Mike.*

In the final race Tom and I were side by side on the reach to yellow when he turned too early and missed the mark giving me the lead as he re-rounded. I held this lead in the final leg but my rudder servo glitched and the boat did a circle giving Tom the final win.

Bruce Watson had 3 wins. Laurie Glover and I had 2 wins each. Tom Clark and Wayne Carkeek each had 1 win.

## Anniversary weekend Regatta Results:

|                 |                         |           |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | <b>Bruce Watson</b>     | <b>7</b>  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>Richard Plinston</b> | <b>9</b>  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>Wayne Carkeek</b>    | <b>11</b> |



*Wayne, Bruce. Richard*

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

### Next Week(s):

**February 7: Waitangi Weekend - fun day**  
**February 14: Aggregate Match Race Series 3**  
**February 21: Autumn series 2**

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