

Sailing 11 July 2021

Winter Series 7 - FINAL



There was rain forecast for the afternoon but it arrived after we had finished sailing. The wind was a vaery cold easterly, Simon Adamson arrived dressed to suit this (left). It had been very light early in the morning but had picked up by the time we were racing though it was shifty and gusty.

Thirteen members were racing on this last day of the series, several could have taken out the series win.

John Macaulay led around the first mark in **race 1** closely followed by Bruce Watson. Rick Royden soon followed but he kept too close to the shore where there was less wind so the two raced away. Bruce



took the lead briefly going to 'turquoise' but John took an inside overlap and could then move out to lead by a few lengths. In lap 2, after the top mark, Bruce brought up the wind from behind and they were side by side (left) with Bruce having the inside at 'apple' he retook the lead. On the long downwind John had better speed and led by a

couple of lengths at the final mark. Bruce made ground on the last leg to the line but was beaten by a length. Rick Royden was third while Wayne Carkeek was just ahead of Reuben Muir going to the final mark but Reuben could round inside him and he was a few inches ahead at the line.

In **race 2** Mike Renner and Alan Watson rounded the first mark together. As the wind died at that mark Mike was able to establish a large lead. John and Tom



Clark got away from the bunch and caught Mike by the long downwind (above). Reuben caught them by the final mark. John held on for the win while Reuben had a penalty turn to complete which left Mike taking second.

Race 3 had Reuben leading around the first mark with Bruce close on his stern. Bruce caught up briefly but Reuben was able to rush away to the win while John caught up to Bruce and passed. Wayne was



catching these (left). Bruce got back to second. At the final mark John, Wayne and Tom rounded together with Rick close behind and Wayne took third place.

Brian Christensen was dismasted by a spreader becoming detached. A new screw reattached it.

In **race 4** Mike established a good lead at the first mark with Daniel Leech, Simon and Laurie Glover chasing. Tom and Rick were soon on the scene and took over the lead into lap 2. Bruce and John led the rest at the top mark and eventually passed Rick to grab the places after Tom won by a leg.



Race 5 had Reuben lead off the line and at the top mark with John and Rick just behind (above). John and Bruce passed Reuben before the long downwind. John won while Reuben recovered to take second.



Race 6 had Daniel, Mike and Laurie round the first mark together. Brian was close behind and passed two to chase Laurie as they both got away to a good sized lead. Laurie was well away to win but Reuben (top left) passed Brian (top centre) in lap 2 (above).

John Macaulay was top boat today with 11 points from 3 wins. **Reuben Muir** was second just one point behind from one win. **Bruce Watson** was third with 14 points. Other wins went to **Tom Clark** and **Laurie Glover**.

Winter Series Results

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| 1 st | Reuben Muir | 53 |
| 2 nd | Wayne Carkeek | 61 |
| 3 rd | John Macaulay | 63 |

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Next Week(s):

July 18: Lay day

July 25: Spring Series START

August 1: Spring Series 2

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