

Sailing 20 June 2021

Winter Series 5

The forecast was for rain but the morning looked fine with clear blue skies. Previous rains had the paths flooded. It did cloud over by the time we started racing and we did get a shower later but generally it was a good sailing day. The wind was north-west which is not ideal for a start line but a couple of course changes kept up with the shifting direction to get good windward legs. Fourteen members were racing today.



In **race 1** Reuben Muir was over the line and had to return. Tom Clark took an early lead but fell back letting Rick Royden lead at the first mark (above). At the downwind mark Rick, George Stead and Reuben got away while a group arrived together. Wayne Carkeek rounded while the rest delayed each other. In lap 2 Wayne and John Macaulay were catching the leaders. Rick headed for the wrong downwind mark and then failed to round the correct one letting Wayne



take the lead while he had return to try again. A gust took John and George past Reuben (above) and they took the places.

Race 2 had Brian Christensen take a good lead around lap 1 chased hard by Ian Power, and he was still leading for the first half of lap 2 but Ian got past to take the win and Rick caught him to put him back to third.

Bruce Watson and Reuben led away together in **race 3** but while they battled and crossed tacks George got past them on a windward leg. At 'tree blue' Reuben took the lead back with George and Bruce placing.

In **race 4** Laurie Glover soon took the lead with Mike Renner close behind. Down by the bridge Mike caught a stick in the water and dropped well back as he cleared it while Laurie held the lead at the top mark in lap 2 and on the downwind now with Bruce and John chasing hard. Bruce managed to pass to get the win, Laurie and John placing.

In **race 5** Reuben and Laurie led away at the start. Tom tacked to the shore and was alongside Laurie going into the downwind while Reuben led away. George caught up at 'turquoise' and then Wayne caught these two at 'tree blue', getting an inside overlap on Reuben and giving George a penalty when he tacked to port around the mark. Reuben ran

away going into lap 2 while Wayne, John, Laurie and George swapped places until Wayne and George took them.

Race 6 had Brian take a large lead going to the first mark and then increase this most of the way around. On lap 2 in the back straight downwind he slowed as some brought up the wind behind him but this came to him in time and he was off to take the win.

Reuben Muir was top boat today with two wins and a total of 17 points. **Laurie Glover** was next with 19, followed by **Ian Power** on 20 and one win. Other wins went to **Brian Chstensen**, **Bruce Watson** and **Wayne Carkeek**. Wayne still holds the series lead, but only by one point

Match Race Cup 2020

Bruce Watson and George Stead need to get this series completed soon, before George sets off for England in a week or so. Today they had four more races in the series.

In the first race Bruce led across the line and increased his lead to the win.



Next race had George winning the start (above) and then covering well to keep Bruce at bay to the win.

As the start of the third race the two boats were running down the line and Bruce forced George over early while he just managed to start before the end of the line. George returned to restart while Bruce sailed away. At the final mark George was catching and he managed to split tacks on the final leg. Going to the line they seemed to be neck and neck but Bruce was on starboard so was able to control and he won by half a length.

The fourth race had George, on port, be clear ahead of Bruce on starboard to win the start. Bruce was close behind at the final mark but George kept a close cover to ensure that Bruce stayed behind up to the finish line.

This leaves both on 4 wins in the nine race series to be completed next week.

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Next Week(s):

June 27: Winter Series 6

July 4: Aggregate Match Race 7

July 11: Winter Series FINAL

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