

Sailing 27 June 2021

Winter Series 6

Eighteen members turned out on this cold and wet day. The wind was north-westerly and moderate at the start. A fairly simple and short course was set and this allowed us to get through four races before the weather turned too nasty with squalls bringing high winds and rain. Racing was abandoned with the results of the four races, with one dropped, being scaled up by 5/3.



The **first race** had Wayne Carkeek make the best start at the favoured end and lead around the top mark, getting away to a good lead on the downwind (photo above). Bruce Watson and Reuben Muir were catching and rounding the penultimate mark Wayne tacked to port and Bruce, still on starboard, touched him. He quickly did his penalty turn and still led into lap 2 increasing his lead and then taking the win with Bruce and Reuben placing.

Race 2 was led by Daniel Leech with Simon Adamson and Kjeld Parkin closing on him. A couple of legs later Daniel Leech was still leading and back at the top mark Bruce and Reuben were closing on him. These two eventually passed him to take the win and second with Laurie Glover third.

Race 3 had Reuben nearly running out of start line as he ran down it on starboard, but this gave him the lead on the windward and at the top mark. Laurie and Bruce were next followed by Simon and Mike Renner. By the last couple of marks Bruce had taken the lead chased by Tom Clark, Reuben and Bruce. Wayne had a good second lap and was on Tom's tail at the end of the downwind and passed to grab second from Tom. A strong squall came through at the end of the race which took Rick Royden's mast off, but no breakage.

We waited for the squall to pass to start **race 4**. Brian Christensen took a large lead but at the end of the long downwind the gust that was powering him made him miss the 'white' mark and he had to return to round it, narrowly keeping his lead at this point. Another squall hit and it soon became a race between Laurie and Tom with Laurie leading at the final mark and the two being side by side on the last leg and Tom winning by just a few inches. Alan Smith third.

With the squall continuing, further racing was cancelled.

Bruce Watson was top boat today with 6 points from two wins and a second. **Laurie Glover** had 15 points **Reuben Muir** 16. Other wins went to **Wayne Carkeek** and **Tom Clark**. Reuben now takes the series lead from Wayne by one point.

Match Race Cup Series 2020



With Bruce Watson and George Stead both on 4 race wins, today will be the final race of the series. At the end of the start countdown both were together some distance from the line. Bruce accelerated away and led by a couple of lengths at the line (above) and never lost the lead to take the race win and win the series.

Fraser and McCaw Cup Series

Wayne Carkeek and Alan Smith had two races today to complete the selection round in the Fraser Cup match race series.

In the first race Alan led across the line and was at the favoured end. He then held a short lead to the top mark but both rounded it the wrong way and had to unwind and round it starboard hand. Wayne touched the mark and had to continue turning to complete the resulting penalty. This gave Alan the opportunity to open up his lead and hold this to the finish to equal the score.



In the next race Wayne took the lead at the start and was a length or two ahead at the top mark (above). He went on to take the win and will meet Laurie Glover in the series final.

Kjeld Parkin was one race win up on Brian Christensen in their selection series and they had a race today too. They were fairly even at the start and going to the top mark they collided with Kjeld on port tack and he was given a penalty. This allowed Brian to take a lead which he was able to protect up to the finish. This win evens this series score.

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Next Week(s):

July 4: Aggregate Match Race 7

July 11: Winter Series FINAL

July 18: Lay day

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