

Sailing 21 March 2021

Autumn Series 5

Before we started racing the wind was a quite nice breeze from the east. A course was set with the start and finish down by the bridge with a couple of dog legs. During racing the wind died away at times and swung around to all points. The course was shortened slightly after a couple of races and we did complete just a couple of minutes over time.

The start line was somewhat biased to the port end and in **race 1** I did a port end start and got clear ahead but I turned too soon at the top mark and missed it. Getting back let a handful of boats get past me. Rick Royden led away and as the wind dropped he stretched out to win with Laurie Glover and Tom Clark fighting to take the places.

John Macaulay was having problems with his boat with the sail servo arm slipping on the shaft. This is usually because the wrong brand of arm is used. It is import to use the arm supplied with the servo as they have slightly different sizes. John took club boat 112 for the rest of the races.

Neil Purcell's 6 went ashore a couple of times caused by an extension power lead disconnecting.



Race 2 had Kjeld Parkin get away to a good lead with Mike Renner chasing (above). Laurie (green) was next with Ian Power (far right) coming fast after passing a few boats. With the wind dying Laurie and Ian got past Mike, the rest of the fleet being left



almost becalmed. Halfway through lap 2 Laurie took the lead but had to clear weed and the three were side by side on the final light downwind (left). At the final mark Ian had the inside overlap (below) and took the win with Kjeld second and Laurie third.



Wayne Carkeek led away at the start of **race 3** but Tom Clark passed and led around the first few marks. On the downwind Rick caught them and took the lead with the inside overlap at the bottom mark. This then held to the finish.

In **race 4** I was able to get the lead with Tom close behind. At the third mark the two of us rounded with Tom leading and then the wind died letting us run away on the downwind to a huge lead as the rest struggled to get to the mark. We both had to clear small amounts of weed. Tom beat me while Laurie led the rest to be third.

In **race 5** I took the lead and was well ahead at the first mark but a couple of marks later I missed it letting Wayne and Rick get past. Ian and Laurie also passed me there but I was able to go wide on the downwind to get back to third at the finish.

Race 6, Wayne and Laurie worked through the earlier starters and took a large lead in the dying wind. Rick got past Mike at the top mark in lap 2 and chased to get third.

Top boat today with 12 points and one win was **Rick Royden**. Next, 2 points behind was **Tom Clark** with one win. **Wayne Carkeek**, with two wins, and **Laurie Glover** were third equal on 15 points. **Ian Power** won one race.

State of the Pond



Some weed was still along the path with patches a few feet away, but it was not nearly as bad as last week. I arrived around midday and had much of it raked out by the time others came to help.

Other Items

The countdown timer failed last week and we had to revert to the backup timer. During the week I cycled to Jaycar and bought a new sealed lead acid battery for it and it is now back working.

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Next Week(s):

March 28: Autumn Series 6

April 4: Easter - fun day

April 11: Aggregate Match Race Series 5

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