

Sailing 28 March 2021

Autumn Series 6

The wind was a strong and shifty northerly at the start of racing but it moderated somewhat and there were times when it died away. Reuben initially set a very simple course but this was amended to add a dog leg to give a second windward.

Bruce Watson brought along his carbon boat but had the wrong transmitter so he took club boat 112 today. Neil Purcell had his boat fail in race 1 so he took Mike Renner's 85 for race 2 while Mike was ref and then borrowed Mike's backup 61 but this also failed in race 4 while Neil had it well in the lead.



Race 1 start (above) had Reuben Muir (left) and Ian Power take the port end and be clear ahead of the starboard boats but Rick Royden did not and tangled with the starboard tack starters. George Stead (far centre) avoided that and was soon close behind Reuben around the top mark. These two rushed off on the downwind to a large lead while Neil and Laurie Glover were ahead of the rest. Neil's boat failed giving Laurie third place.

Laurie led around the first two marks in **race 2** closely followed by Bruce with 112 and Alan Smith (photo foot of page). Soon, though, Reuben was passing the fleet and was catching Laurie. On the final leg these two were side by side but a shift favoured Laurie who took the win. Ian fought with George and held third place.



Race 3 was won by Alan, Reuben and Laurie getting the places.



Race 4 had Neil take the lead sailing Mike's 61 and he rushed away to a good sized lead. David Williams led the rest with Ian and Laurie close (above). Reuben was closing fast on these leaders but at the Blue mark Laurie was on starboard and Reuben was blocked and dropped back letting Laurie get ahead. 61's sail servo failed halfway through lap 2 making Neil retire giving the lead, and eventual win, to Laurie. Bruce in 112 came through to be next but at the line Reuben took second.

Race 5 had Reuben take the lead from the start. David, Brian Christensen and Alan were next around the first mark. Reuben ran away to a large lead, Brian and Alan placing.

Race 6 was won by Laurie with Reuben and Alan placing.

Reuben Muir was top boat with 2 wins and 8 points. **Laurie Glover** had 3 wins and 9 points. **Alan Smith** was third with 1 win and 15 points. With just one more day scheduled Laurie leads the series.

State of the Pond

The pond was quite clean today. The raking out along the path that had been done over the last couple of weeks has worked. The high winds yesterday and today has blown away any surface weed. There was a small amount of new green growth.

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Next Week(s):

April 4: Easter - fun day

April 11: Aggregate Match Race Series 5

April 18: Autumn series FINAL

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