

Sailing 2 May 2021

Aggregate Match Race Series 6

Early in the morning there was very light winds but it increased through the morning and was a good sailing breeze by the time we started racing. It was, however, quite shifty and generally a southerly. This gave advantage to those who could read the shifts and tack to benefit from them.

With 13 members racing there were 26 races but we easily achieved that before 4pm. A couple of fleet races finished the day.

First off it was Rick Royden and I, again. Rick led away though I was able to keep close behind. At the top mark in the second lap Rick lost speed while I kept moving and pulled alongside. Rick tried to push me to one side on the downwind but I managed to pull ahead and then take the win.

In my race with John Macaulay I entered on starboard and went straight towards John. He was concerned with boats in another race passing close by and didn't take avoiding action so he was given a penalty. I led across at the start and took a large enough lead as he did his penalty turn to take the win.



In the race between Tom Clark and Mike Renner, Tom led at the top mark (foot of page) but Mike took the lead on the downwind to be ahead back on the windward leg (left). Tom later retook the lead and won the race in spite of his boat having a very slack mainsail leech.



George Stead and **Laurie Glover** both won all their races today for top points. **Rick Royden** still leads the series with an unassailable lead of 5 days with 8 points.

Match Race Cup 2020

Finally, Bruce Watson as defender and George Stead as the challenger have started racing the 2020 Match Race Cup series. Their first race was started before the Aggregate series. They were close going to the



top mark. There was an issue whether room had been given after a tack and Bruce offered a restart.

The restart had George leading away but Bruce was soon crossing tacks with him (left) and took the lead, eventually taking the win.



Later, they had a second race. This time George controlled the start, holding Bruce to windward and then taking the line close (left) to force Bruce to trail. Bruce had a technical problem and he was allowed to fix this and have another restart. The restarted race had George taking the win as Bruce still had problems with his rudder.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

See [Wayne's Facebook page](#) for more photos.

Next Week(s):

May 9: Mother's Day - fun day

May 16: Winter Series START

May 23: Winter Series 2

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Photo below: Tom Clark is around the top mark while Mike Renner is on starboard and has right of way over Laurie Glover leading Brian Chritensen.