

Sailing 16 May 2021

Winter Series START

The results of the first two seasonal series are used to set the divisions for the rest of the year. In recognition of their improved performance: Wayne Carkeek moves to A division, Kjeld Parkin and Sam Hill move to B division.

Chris Yates has been sailing an RG-650 at the pond on recent Sundays. Today he sailed the club boat 112 and raced with us, getting a 4th place in the final race.

The wind was non-existent when the Electrons started sailing but it improved to quite a nice northerly by midday. It was shifty though.

In **race 1** John Macaulay got away to a good start and went to a large lead but in lap 2 the wind died



away at the top mark and Laurie Glover was right on his tail (above). At the downwind mark of Bridge Yellow Laurie caught the mark briefly and this let John get away again and Wayne and Tom Clark past.



Kjeld Parkin led around the first mark in **race 2** and rushed away. Wayne was there next and gave chase (above). Kjeld dropped back while Wayne stormed away with Rick Royden and George Stead leading the bulk of the fleet. George had tacked away early and made gains that got him close to Wayne but Wayne led to the finish.



Rick led around the first couple of marks (above) in **race 3** chased by George and myself. The next lap

had John Macaulay and Tom passing me but I managed to recover 3rd place on the final windward to the finish.



Race 4 had David Williams taking the lead with several early starters being in a bunch chasing him. On the second lap Brian Christensen was still holding off the scratch boats for a while (above left) but Laurie caught him and was chasing down David while Wayne (centre) led the rest. Laurie passed David leaving him with 2nd place while Wayne was 3rd.

In **race 5** it was Wayne that led around the first mark and soon ran away to be uncatchable.



Behind him Brian and Tom were close together on the downwind with John closing up on them (above). John passed them to be 2nd while Tom was 3rd.

Mike Renner got to the first mark ahead in the **final race**, with Brian and Chris with the club boat close, but Laurie was not far behind and he took the lead on the downwind. Back on the windward legs Laurie stretched out his lead, eventually taking the win. Wayne worked through the fleet and passed Mike and Chris but didn't catch Brian who was 2nd.

Wayne Carkeek was top boat today with two race wins and an assessed win for a total of 8 points. **John Macaulay** was next with 15 points from one win. **Rick Royden** was third with 17 points. Other race wins went to **George Stead** and **Laurie Glover** with two.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

May 23: Winter Series 2

May 30: Winter Series 3

June 6: Queen's Birthday - fun day

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