

# Sailing 23 May 2021

## Winter Series 2

It felt like winter today, strong winds, cold and the odd light shower. The wind was swinging between east and south and sometimes further. It was also gusting strongly and sometimes dying away, especially around the first two marks in the far corner.

Mike Renner started sailing his 61 (ex Sirocco) but this opened a split around the keel after a couple of races so he switched to 185 but then had to redo the jib sheets.



**Race 1** had Wayne Carkeek and Ian Power start on time at speed (photo above) to lead around the first marks. Ian led initially but they were side by side on a short downwind then Wayne led at



the bottom mark. Back on the wind they were crossing tacks (left) with Ian leading into lap 2. Some way back Laurie Glover was bridging the gap between the two leaders and the bulk of the fleet.

The two leaders were side by side again on the long downwind with Laurie closing on them (left). The final mark gave problems as the boats reached across the wind from the 'orange' when there was a gust. Ian led here and took the win while Laurie passed Wayne to be 2<sup>nd</sup>.



In **race 2** Brian Christensen led around the first mark but Laurie had closed on that leg. Mike and George Stead locked together at their mast heads and drifted away but separated in mid pond. The wind died



between the first two marks leaving the fleet struggling while Brian rushed away and Laurie chasing (above). Wayne was picking the shifts and at the end of the final downwind he had taken the lead and the win with Laurie and Brian holding the places.



**Race 3** had John Macaulay take the lead chased by Laurie. John held the lead into lap 2 but George and Wayne got past on the long windward (above) to take the places.



Brian led away in **race 4** chased by Ian (above) but these two retired and John took another win with Tom Clark and George placing.

**Race 5** had Reuben leading away through the first lap. In lap 2 John caught up and at 'turquoise' the wind was light and shifty and John on starboard gave Reuben a penalty. Going to the bottom mark a gust hit and both broached with Reuben taking back the lead but he failed to tack and went ashore while John sailed away to win with Tom getting 2<sup>nd</sup> again and Rick 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Race 6** had Mike take the lead in 185 closely followed by Laurie and Brian but he pulled away from them and Reuben passed them to chase Mike. On the long downwind Mike pulled away but back at the top mark Reuben got past and was away for the win. Mike held on for 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tom took 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**Wayne Carkeek and John Macaulay** were top equal on 15 points today, Wayne with one win and John with two. **Tom Clark and Reuben Muir** both had 19 points to be third equal, Reuben had one win. The other win went to **Ian Power**.



## Ian's Radio Cover

Ian Power has made a rain cover for his transmitter from two plastic boxes. The larger has a hole in the base to take the smaller one pushed in from inside and sealed with silicone. Note the clips to take the handle in the small box.

## Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

### Next Week(s):

**May 30: Winter Series 3**

**June 6: Queen's Birthday - fun day**

**June 13: Winter Series 4**

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