

Sailing 30 May 2021

Winter Series 3

Garry Irwin was back at the pond today after being absent for three years or so. He was sailing his Electron in the morning and will soon return with his Seawind to sail with us.

The wind was quite light through the morning. It did pick up before 2pm as a rain cloud passed over and then it died again. With the wind generally westerly a course was set for race one but the wind went more north-west and a new course was set for race two. The wind died in that race and it ran nearly 10 minutes over so the course was shortened and then the wind picked up to quite a nice breeze. There was a light shower in the last couple of races.

Chris Yates returned and used club boat 112 again. It seems that there aren't any Seawinds for sale.



The start of **race 1** (above) had George Stead and Rick Royden (top left) over and recalled while Reuben Muir (centre of the line) was on time and at speed to take the lead around the first mark chased by Laurie Glover and Wayne Carkeek. On the windward to 'tree blue' John Macaulay and Ian Power took a lift to get amongst Laurie and Wayne. At the next mark Reuben started to round the wrong way while John temporarily lost control and the delay allowed Wayne to get close behind Reuben. In lap 2 Reuben was able to keep ahead while John and Wayne fought for the places.

Race 2 had a completely different course with no crossover that did manage to have more windward beats. Mike Renner took the lead at the first mark and was still in the lead going to the end of lap 1 but Wayne beat him into lap 2 and then Reuben and Laurie took over the lead as the wind died away. Eventually this was the finish order in a very slow race.

The course was shortened for **race 3** by dropping a couple of marks but the wind picked up as more rain clouds came over. John and Bruce Watson got tangled just before the start. Tom Clark and Reuben made the best start but Reuben was at the windward end of the line and held a slight advantage at the first mark.

With several boats approaching that mark on port tack there was some conflict with those on starboard. Into lap 2 and Bruce, Wayne and Tom were the leading bunch but Kjeld Parkin and Reuben eventually took the places behind Wayne.



Race 4 had Kjeld and Chris leading most of the way. At the final two marks Reuben and Rick were closing (above) and Reuben took the win while Rick pushed Chris back to fourth.

Race 5 had George Stead lead around the first mark with Reuben close behind and these two led away sometimes side by side, sometimes swapping the lead. Approaching the finish George was on starboard and forced Reuben to tack and settle for second place, John third.

Chris lead around the first mark in **race 6** while those close behind clustered up and slowed allowing Laurie and Ian to pass them and chase Chris. Laurie took the lead but at the penultimate mark Chris was on starboard and retook it, leading at the final mark but Laurie and Ian tacked to gain a shift and Chris was third.

Top boat today was **Reuben Muir** with three wins and a total of 8 points. Second equal on 20 points were **Wayne Carkeek** and **Laurie Glover**, both had one win. **George Stead** had one win. Wayne retains the series lead with two days counting and dropping one day.

State of the Pond

During the week the council cleaned out the forebay at the north end of the pond with a digger and a suction truck. Generally the water was quite clean today with no weed detected.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

June 6: Queen's Birthday - fun day

June 13: Winter Series 4

June 20: Winter Series 5

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