

# Sailing 5 December 2021

## Aggregate Match Race Series 1

It was quite windy today with a strong north to north-easterly. Strong gusts came through but sometimes it was still quite calm at the top mark. The course was set to the orange top mark and down to Bridge Yellow.



The Canada Geese are still settled in the pond but they haven't started to worry us yet.

The draw was taken from the final results of last years series so first up was Rick Royden and I. It looked like I may be laying the first mark on starboard to get around ahead but a shift let Rick cross ahead and round, then on the downwind he caught a gust that i didn't get and he raced away to win by a large margin.



Chris Yates was keeping it close to Tom Clark going into lap 2 of their race (left) and crossed ahead on the way to the final top mark but Tom won the race.

In fact Tom Clark won all four of his races, as did Reuben Muir and George Stead.



When heeled over the rudder tends to lift or depress the bow. As John Macaulay turns to round the bottom mark he pulls his bow right out of the water with not much turning effect (left).



Chris Ward keeps it close with George (above).



Mark Christensen led Reuben Muir at the first mark and on the downwind (above) but Reuben took the lead back on the windward (below) and took the win.



Chris Ward chases Tom followed by Mark leading John (above). Mark won that one.

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### Next Week(s):

**December 12: Summer Series 4**

**December 19: Summer Series 5**

**December 26: Christmas break**

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