

Sailing 12 December 2021

Summer Series 4

The day started with no wind at all and the forecast was for rain in the afternoon. At 1pm there was a breeze, enough to set a course roughly the same as the last two series days. We did get a light shower in race 3 and it rained quite heavily in the final race.

Mark Christensen used the club boat 112 because the rudder servo on his boat had failed.



Approaching the top mark in **race 1** were four boats side by side (left). Laurie Glover (15) managed to get across the bows of two of the boats to get around first and lead this group on the downwind as they raced away from the

rest of the fleet. Bruce Watson took the lead going into lap 2 but eventually Reuben Muir won, Bruce second, Mark passed Laurie to be third.

Race 2 had Mike Renner go to mid pond on the downwind and get a gust to take a good sized lead. The following bunch had a couple of collisions at the next buoys and this slowed them down. Eventually, Mike was run down by Reuben, Bruce and George Stead to be relegated to fourth.

George took the lead in **race 3** when a shower killed the wind going to the first mark. George was away on the downwind with Laurie getting around and chasing. Bruce led a bunch of five around the course but no one was going to catch George and it was Reuben that passed Laurie to grab second.

Mike was well away again in **race 4** but by the last leg of lap 1 Chris Ward had taken the lead and Mike was a couple of places down. At the final buoy Mark led by a good margin (below) to take the win while Mike recovered to claim 2nd and Ian Power passed Laurie to claim third.



Race 5 started with a light drizzle falling. Laurie was followed closely by Reuben, Mark and Chris Ward as these 4 got away on the downwind. In the next bunch 3 tangled at the downwind mark and went towards the shore but 2 escaped leaving Brian to go ashore. Laurie held the lead going into the downwind on lap 2 but Reuben led at the bottom mark. They were side

by side going to the wing mark and Laurie was back leading going away from it. Reuben then took the final leg and the win with Laurie second and Tom Clark passing Mark to be third.

Race 6 had Chris Ward leading at the first mark followed by Brian and Tom. These three ran away on the downwind and Chris still led at the top mark in lap 2. Brian was side by side with Chris on the downwind and took the lead around the bottom mark. Going to the wing mark (below) Reuben had caught Chris with Mark close behind. On the final leg Brian was able to pull away and take the win with Reuben and Tom taking the places.



Reuben Muir was top boat today with 3 wins and two seconds to give a total of 7 points. **Mark Christensen** was second with 18 points from one win. **Laurie Glover** and **Bruce Watson** had the same score of 19 to be third equal. Other wins went to **George Stead** and **Brian Christensen**.

Bruce Watson leads the series by one point from Rick Royden with Mark Christensen one point further back.

Members and Boats



Sometime in the late 1990s the NZRYS made a display using some Seawinds. This had Michael Mead's NZL 20, Murray Johnson's USA 36 "Young America" and Ivan Fraser's NZL 82. NZL 20 has now been donated to the club by the Meads via his neighbour Aylwyn Thomas.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

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

Next Week(s):

December 19: Summer Series 5

December 26: Christmas break

January 2: New Year break

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