

Sailing 19 December 2021

Summer Series 5

There was a nice fresh southerly for sailing, though it sometimes went south-east and sometimes south-west.



A dozen members raced today with some non-racing members turning out to watch. Chris Yates had electrical problems with his boat so he took 112.

Race 1 had Rick Royden take a good lead approaching the first mark with Tom Clark in pursuit, but a lull at that mark soon had George Stead and Laurie Glover behind Rick. George took the lead on the long downwind. At the wing mark Laurie collided with a boat not racing leaving Tom to chase George. Going to the final mark Tom and George were side by side but George had the inside overlap (below) and led around the mark for the win with Rick third.



Chris led **race 2** for most of lap 1 but on the downwind he was run down by Brian Christensen, Mike Renner and Tom. At the top mark in lap 2 Tom led around with Ian Power and Kjeld Parkin each a length away. At the finish it was Tom, Ian and George.

The wind died away for **race 3**. George led at mark 1 from Tom and Rick with Daniel Leech in the mix. George held the lead most of the way but on the final downwind a strong gust brought up the bulk of the fleet and took him out (below) letting Tom, Rick and Ian get past to take the win and places.



Race 4 had Chris Yates well out ahead all the way to the final mark. There, Laurie was 3 or 4 lengths behind but on the final windward he drew level but was not laying the line. Chris may have been able to shoot the line but he tacked letting Laurie tack to the finish to steal the win. Brian third.

Race 5 had Tom take the lead at mark 1 but going to 'bridge yellow' Kjeld was up alongside and followed him closely around the mark. By the top mark in lap 2 Tom still led but Rick and Ian were close behind. Tom was able to hold them off to the finish.

Race 6 had Chris take the lead around the first mark chased by Daniel, Rick and Laurie (below). Going into



lap 2 Chris still led with Daniel next but Tom was leading the rest. At the top mark Laurie had done well on the windward and was just a length or two behind Chris with Tom and George right on Laurie's transom. Going to 'bridge yellow' Laurie closed right up on Chris (below). Chris held him off on the downwind but Laurie got the inside overlap going to the final mark and stole another race from Chris. George taking third place.



Tom Clark was top boat today with 9 point from 3 wins. **George Stead**, with one win, and **Rick Royden** both had 17 points to be second equal. **Laurie Glover** won the other two races, his first wins for quite some time.

With 3 days counting and two discarded days Bruce Watson and Rick Royden both lead the series with 40 points. Mark Christensen is third just 2 points behind.

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Next Week(s):

December 26: Christmas break

January 2: New Year break

January 9: Aggregate Match Race Series 2

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