

Sailing 21 November 2021

Summer Series 2

It was hot today with a good breeze from the North. A course was set with one start line but this was changed to a wider line with a different bias when 19 boats turned up to race. It was also extended slightly after a couple of races as the wind shifted slightly.

John Macaulay led around the first mark in **race 1** but Bruce Watson was close behind with Reuben Muir next. John conflicted with other boats and dropped back while Rick Royden moved up to follow the other two at the finish.

Chris Yates led around most of the first lap in **race 2** soon chased by Mark Christensen who grabbed the lead. Chris Ward led the rest of the fleet after the downwind and passed the other two for the win.

George Stead led in **race 3** until a gust had him bury his nose and broach on the downwind at which point Rick took over but on the final leg Bruce went to the path side and had a lift to take the win.

In **race 4** Brian Christensen, Chris Ward and Chris Yates led around the first lap but Alan Smith was close at hand and Mark was in the bunch. The next group included Bruce (on port) and Reuben but they collided and went to shore to be separated. Alan took the lead on the downwind and held this chased by Mark and Chris Ward across the line.

John and Bruce led **race 5** around the top marks side



by side with Mark not far behind. John was involved in a couple of collisions and fell back. In lap 2 Mark took the lead with Bruce close on his stern and took the win by a length (left) with Rick third.

In the **final, divisional start, race** Brian led at the first two marks and then caught a gust as the following boats were left with little wind. By the time he got to the next mark he was half the pond in the lead. At the top marks in lap 2 he was well ahead of the next boat, Chris Ward (left). By the final mark he still held this lead but Bruce had worked through the fleet to be next.



Approaching the finish Brian hooked on a buoy while Bruce was storming up the final leg. Brian got free and was on

starboard tack going to the line with Bruce on port. It looked close but Bruce cleared ahead to steal the win by a length. Mark third.

Bruce Watson was top boat today with three wins and a total of 9. **Mark Christensen** was second with one win and two second places with a total of 14. **Rick Royden** had a total of 18 for third. Other wins went to **Chris Ward** and **Alan Smith**.

McCaw Cup Match Racing

Mike Renner and Brian Christensen started the McCaw Cup match race series final today. In the first race Mike was slightly ahead at the start and led around the top mark. Brian caught the top mark with his keel and, by the time he drifted off, Mike was well away and took the win. In race 2 (of a series of 5) Mike again led at the top mark but missed the bottom mark and by the time he recovered and rounded it Brian was very close behind. Back on the wind Brian soon took the lead and, eventually, the win. One win each.

Members and Boats

Mark Christensen has been promoted to A division after his showing in the races today.

George Stead has returned from his European holiday including sailing a chartered boat around the Greek Islands.

A small 'Compass' yacht started sailing in the pond as we were about to start racing but it didn't handle the wind well and left soon after.

Life of the Pond



This pair of Canada Geese have settled in the pond. It will be wise to keep clear of them as they can be very aggressive, especially if they start raising goslings.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS



Next Week(s):

November 28: Summer Series 3

December 5: Aggregate match Race Series 1

December 12: Summer Series 4

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