

Sailing 28 November 2021

Summer Series 3

The wind had been very light in the morning but it picked up around midday to a nice northerly sailing breeze. At times it did die away, especially at the top mark(s). The same course as last week was used except the start line was changed to one with a better bias as there were fewer boats, 15, this week.



In **race 1** Rick Royden took the lead around the top marks and was away on the downwind (above, background right) while Bruce Watson (left) was ahead of the bunch. Mark Christensen was in the middle of this bunch but by this point in lap 2 he had passed Rick to take a small lead. At the end of the downwind Rick, Mark and Bruce were side by side with Ian Power in the club boat just behind them. Mark went the wrong side of the buoy and had to re-round and at the next mark Bruce caught the buoy and was caught up in the following bunch. Rick took the win with Mark making up ground to be second while George Stead had a great final leg to take third.

In **race 2** the wind died at the top of the pond leaving a group of early starters drifting around searching for whisps. On the downwind it was a lottery as streams went one side or the other. At the top marks in lap 2 it was John Macaulay that had the lead from Mark and Chris Yates and these held that to the finish.

Race 3 also had light winds at the top. Bruce, on port, crossed closely ahead of Mark to lead around the first mark. George led the bunch to be next around. By the finish Mark had passed Bruce to take the win.



Mark led around the first mark in **race 4** followed by Chris Ward and Chris Yates (above). Mark held the lead all the way to the win while Ian and Bruce worked through the fleet to take the places.

Bruce and Ian nearly ran out of line at the start of **race 5**. Bruce led around the first mark with George close behind followed by Rick, Ian and Mark. By the finish George had passed Bruce to win.



Race 6 had Chris Ward and Peter Rickerby leading around the first marks. Chris rushed off to a substantial lead on the downwind. Meanwhile Bruce and Rick worked through the fleet together, getting closer to Chris on each leg. At the finish Chris won by a couple of inches (left) from Bruce. Rick third.



Chris (left) on downwind chased by Bruce and Rick.

Mark Christensen was top boat today with 10 points from two wins and two seconds. Next was **Rick Royden** with 16 points from one win and a couple of third places. **Bruce Watson** and **George Stead** had the same score of 18 with George getting one win. Other wins went to **John Macaulay** and **Chris Ward**.

McCaw Cup Match Racing



Brian Christensen and Mike Renner had another race in the McCaw Cup final today. Brian crossed the start line ahead and was around the top mark and away as Mike struggled in a calm patch. Brian won the race giving him a 2 - 1 lead in the series. Mike discovered that his rudder servo was pulsing and swapped to 85 for the series racing.

Members and Boats

Brian now has a large yellow dot on his jib (above) so that he can identify his Readysset more easily from the others to avoid sailing the wrong boat (again).

Ian Power had his transmitter fail. After trying several sets of batteries he took the club boat 112 and found that it sailed quite nicely in the conditions.

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Next Week(s):

December 5: Aggregate match Race Series 1

December 12: Summer Series 4

December 19: Summer Series 5

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