

Sailing 10 April 2022

Autumn Series 6

A nice sailing breeze this week, from the north.



The course was set using a start mark as a second windward. This didn't give too much of a problem though in one race a couple of boats were finishing at that end when others were rounding. Originally the southern end (right hand side) downwind marks were one buoy anti-clockwise but this was changed when the wind veered after a couple of races.



In **race 1** Bruce Watson was forced the wrong side of the start mark and was trapped (third from left above) for a while before he could return to make a start at the back of the fleet. Leading at the top mark were George Stead and Rick Royden. Before racing started Rick had his rudder working the wrong way and had to correct this by reversing the servo crossbar. At the downwind mark his rudder failed for a short time and he went off in the wrong direction. George held his lead to the win while Laurie Glover moved up to take second and Bruce recovered from his start to be third.

Race 2 had Alan Watson leading at the top mark and getting away from all but Brian Christensen on the downwind. Brian led at the downwind mark but



started to go to the wrong next mark which left Alan back ahead. Mike Renner had caught up to Brian (left) but Alan held onto the lead into lap 2 and he was

first back at the top mark but the wind had died at that end of the pond and he was swamped by the whole fleet catching up. John Macaulay won the race with Laurie second and Mike holding on for third.



In **race 3** Laurie and Alan Smith got away while the rest of the fleet were bunched up around the early marks (above). Eventually John and Bruce got past Alan to take the places while Laurie won.



Race 4 had Chris Yates and Brian take the lead most of the way but Alan Smith chased them down. Going to the finish line at the far end (above) Alan was just a length ahead of Bruce with Chris a length behind them but George, at the near end, just pipped Chris.

Tom Clark led **race 5** for most of lap 1 in lighter winds but Bruce passed him going into lap 2 and George did so soon after to push him back to third at the finish.



Chris led around the top mark in **race 6** but on the downwind Alan and Laurie came out ahead (above). As the wind picked up Laurie rushed ahead and held this to take the win with Alan hanging on for second while Bruce came through the fleet to be third. John's boat's electrics failed and it circled until captured.

Laurie Glover was top boat today with 11 points and two wins. **Bruce Watson** had 12 points and one win. Third equal were **Alan Smith** and **George Stead** with 17 points and one win each. The other win went to **John Macaulay**.

Bruce leads the series by a good margin from George and Laurie.

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Next Week(s):

April 17: Easter - fun day

April 24: ANZAC Weekend - fun day

May 1: Aggregate Match Race Series 6

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