

# Sailing 14 August 2022

## Spring Series 3

There was almost no wind today. The Electrons managed to drift around a short course for a handful of races in the morning. What breeze there was came mainly from the north-east. A short course was set because it was going to be sailed slowly.



**Race 1** was delayed for a short time until there was some wind. Brian Christensen started on the far end of the line and found a breeze to speed him on the windward but it was Bruce Watson that got to the first mark ahead (above) and he stretched out this lead through lap 1. In lap 2 Mark Christensen caught the top mark and had to be pushed off by Mike Renner as there was not enough wind to blow him off.



At the final mark (above) Tom Clark and Rick Royden were closing on Bruce. Rick took the inside overlap and passed Tom around the mark to be second.

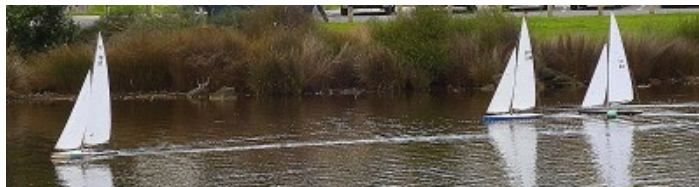
In **race 2** Bruce was left circulating at the start line as the power failed on his boat. Laurie Glover lead around the top mark with Patrick O'Hanlon close behind. At the bottom mark the wind shifted southerly



and Rick picked the shift to take the lead and rush away with Laurie and Mark chasing (above). These positions held through lap 2 to the finish.



Bruce's boat came back to life and he started in **race 3** where Rick led away with Mark and Bruce chasing (above). Bruce led around the first mark but Rick took it back on the downwind and into lap 2 with Bruce, Mark and Laurie in a close group but soon Bruce's problem recurred and he retired. Laurie managed to pass Mark giving the same finish placings as race 2. Bruce took my Prada 1 for the rest of the races.



**Race 4** had Patrick O'Hanlon take the lead around the first mark with Alan Watson and Chris Ward following (above). At the bottom mark the wind died and Chris took the lead briefly but at the top mark in lap 2 Patrick was back to a good sized lead with Alan



next around. On the final leg the wind had died again and the first few boats bunched up (above). Patrick caught a slight breeze and won the race while Mark (behind Alan) passed him to be second, Alan third.

Tom led on the first leg of **race 5** and on the downwind but by the end of the first lap Laurie was closing on him. On the next lap Laurie led on the downwind with Tom and Rick close behind and Mark closing fast. The wind died yet again on the final leg Laurie went right and was going to get the win but Rick had tacked to the left and picked up a breeze that took him across Laurie's bow to get his third win.

Just a few minutes before 4pm **race 6**, with a divisional start, was set to be a single lap but the wind died away completely and no one was even halfway to the first mark at 4pm so the race was abandoned. Bruce had even started and then drifted back behind the line.

The race scores of the five races completed would, after one race discarded, be scaled by multiplying by 5, dividing by four and rounding down.

**Rick Royden** was top boat today with three race wins and a scaled score of 6. Second was **Mark Christensen** with a total of 13 with **Laurie Glover** on 15. Other race wins went to **Bruce Watson** and **Patrick O'Hanlon**.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

See [Wayne's Facebook page](#), now maintained by Mike Renner, for more photos.

**Next Week(s):**

**August 21: Spring Series 4**

**August 28: Spring Series 5**

**September 4: Fathers Day - fun day**

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