

Sailing 28 August 2022

Spring Series 5

Today had a nice north-easterly breeze. Earlier, though, it had been rather lighter. The pond was nice and clean and was at its normal level.

Ian Darby normally sails the ex Mike Renner number 7 but this was not working so Mike, who is recorded under number 85, lent him his 85 and he sailed 61.



At the first mark in **race 1** Bruce Watson led John Macaulay narrowly (left) and these two rushed off. At the bottom mark John had the lead and Bruce tried to turn inside but went too early and was the wrong side of the mark. He recovered before the next boats arrived but John had got away and was two legs

ahead in lap 2. Rick Royden passed Bruce on the long downwind but Bruce was back ahead of him through the dog-leg to get second while Ian Power passed Rick to be third.



In **race 2** Peter Rickerby took the lead and was well away on the downwind. Initially Mike and Patrick O'Hanlon were keeping a good sized gap back to the rest of the fleet (above) but Patrick fell back while Mike continued to chase Peter to come second. Ian Darby worked through the fleet to be third.



Race 3 had a boat recalled for being over the line. Rick, Ian Darby and Alan Watson were side by side on the windward to the first mark. In the light winds at the mark Rick led around and was chased on the downwind by Laurie Glover and Chris Ward (above). Back on the windward into lap 2 Rick got away to a large lead to eventually take the win while Bruce and Tom Clark work through the fleet to take the places.

With light winds at the sheltered first mark again in **race 4** the fleet bunched up and Ian Darby was first around and built his lead on the downwind. Through the dog-leg Ian led by several lengths while Chris Ward and Ian Power had a handy gap back to the fleet (top of next column). In lap 2 John managed to get past Chris for second place, Chris third.



Tom led around the first mark in light wind in **race 5** with John close behind and these two rushed off to the next mark but Tom caught the rigging of Ian Darby going to the first mark and swung around briefly. By the time he was back sailing Rick was alongside and Ian Power was close as they chased John. These three caught John in the calm around the top mark in lap 2 (above) with Rick taking the lead and the win, John holding onto second and Ian Power third.



Race 6, with a divisional start, had Laurie around the first two marks with Brian Christensen next (above). These two stepped out to a good sized lead and eventually took the win and second place. Third place was fought between Rick, Tom, John and Ian Power with Rick getting the place.

Rick Royden was top boat today with 14 points and two wins. **John Macaulay** was second with 15 points and one win. **Bruce Watson** was third on 20 points. Other wins went to **Peter Rickerby**, **Ian Darby** and **Laurie Glover**. Rick leads the series from Laurie and Tom Clark.

Boats for Sale

Kjeld Parkin advised that he is selling two Readysset Seawinds numbers 38 and 58 and another older Seawind.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

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

Next Week(s):

September 4: Fathers Day - fun day
September 11: Aggregate Match Race FINAL
September 18: Spring Series 6

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