

Sailing 16 January 2022

Summer Series 6

The sun was hot and the wind was light. It is likely that the wind was entirely from thermals that kept shifting around. A course was set for an easterly wind but this had to be changed for the second race when the wind went northerly. Later the wind changed again but the course was kept as the shifts were impossible to follow.

16 members started in **race 1** with Ian Power and Tom Clark getting the best start and then leading around the first mark. Going to the wing mark Tom



built a good lead (above) but on the downwind Ian caught up and was side by side. Going into lap 2 Ian led Tom by a length and there was a large gap back to the next boat. At the final mark a bunch had closed



up on the two who were neck and neck up the final leg. Mark Christensen caught a stronger breeze and stormed up the inside to steal the win (above).

With a new course for **race 2**, Chris Ward and Chris Yates were around the first mark and off to hold lead around the course and into lap 2, but Bruce Watson had closed and on the windward made huge gains to be 15 lengths ahead at the top mark and he went on to win. On the final leg several others had passed the Chrises, George Stead and John Macaulay crossed tacks several times until John went too close to a buoy and caught it for a short time. This allowed Reuben Muir and Rick Royden to pass him too.

Race 3 had Reuben leading around the first mark and then rushing away downwind as the wind died behind. Tom, Rick and George broke away as a group and gave chase, catching Reuben at the top mark in lap 2. While George did take a small lead at one point it was Reuben that took the win in very light winds, Tom third.

Brian Christensen led around the first mark in **race 4** with the two Chrises close behind. By the time that the next bunch arrived the wind had died again and seven boats tried to round together. In the very light wind Rick pulled away and eventually took the lead and the win with Bruce and Reuben placing.

Race 5 was started in very light winds and, by the time the countdown was completed, it turned into a downwind start. Tom led around the first mark chased by John and these two got away while several clashed around mark. John took a good sized lead and eventually the win while Tom dropped back into a group but took second with Reuben third.

Tom's boat lost control before he could start in **race 6** and he went to the far shore. With light winds and time running out the race was reduced to a single lap. Mike Renner led at mark 1 but it was Chris Ward that ran away to a sizeable lead (below) and eventually the win with Reuben and Ian placing.



Reuben Muir was top boat on 12 points and one race win today. **Bruce Watson** also had one win and 18 points. **Tom Clark** was third on 20 points. Other wins went to Mark Christensen, Rick Royden, John Macaulay and Chris Ward. Bruce and Rick have equal points to lead the series jointly.

Prize Giving



20 members turned out early for the 2021 Prize Giving that had not been possible earlier, along with the AGM, due to the lockdown. Wayne Carkeek brought along a gazebo while the club supplied drinks. Bruce Watson did the presentations with John Macaulay assisting.

Anniversary Weekend Regatta

The regatta will be in two weeks time. We intend to start racing early, registration will start at 1pm.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Membership subs are due of \$20.00 when paid by bank transfer to NZRYS, 11-5373-0654026-11

Next Week(s):

January 23: Summer Series 7

January 30: Anniversary Weekend Regatta - 1pm

February 6: Waitangi Day - fun day

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