

# Sailing 17 July 2022

## Winter Series FINAL

There was no wind early in the morning and the Electrons only got in a handful of races. It was better in the afternoon but at times the wind died away to almost nothing. We did get through the races with just the last one reduced to a single lap.

During the week the rain brought the pond up quite high, enough to be over the new path in places. It was still higher than last week this afternoon, short gumboots were not enough.



In **race 1** John Macaulay took the lead and was well ahead around the first mark. The wind was lighter at the leeward mark and Tom Clark was able to break away from the group he was in and leave them at the mark while he chased John. Around the top mark in lap 2 Tom was alongside John (left). For the rest of the lap John sometimes pulled away but at the final mark

Tom was just a length behind. John won, Tom second, Reuben Muir third. Daniel Leech had caught a buoy and needed to be pushed off it by Laurie Glover.



**Race 2** was initially led by Chris Ward but Rick Royden was able to cross close ahead before the first mark (left). As the wind shifted to the far shore Chris Yates was able to gain and lead around the mark with Rick close on his tail. As the wind died Rick led away and John broke away from the group he was in to give chase and be second, Reuben third.

Tony Nissan was still having trouble with his rudder so I examined it and was able to solve a couple of issues with the linkages to get him sailing reliably.



**Race 3** had Reuben lead around the first mark and keep this lead to the finish. Laurie had caught him and at times was up alongside. At the final mark there was just a metre between them (above). John was some way behind but took third.



Chris Yates and Brian Christensen went to the first mark together (left) in **race 4** and led away. They were still side-by-side a couple of marks later but in the lighter wind Rick and Reuben were soon between them. Brian was left behind becalmed at a mark while Laurie came through. At one point Reuben was well ahead but the wind died completely at a mark

and a group of three steamed up to his transom. By the finish Reuben took the win with Laurie and Rick placing.

**Race 5** had John lead around the first mark with Tom and Rick close behind. Tom took the lead and stretched this out in the light winds. By the end of lap 1 Rick and Reuben were just a length ahead through the line and



John had closed right up to them. The wind was now almost gone but Reuben kept going with Rick and John close behind (above). The finishing order was Reuben, John, Rick.

**Race 6** with a divisional start was a single lap with standard handicap start times. Rick's boat batteries failed at the start and he pulled out. By the first mark the handicaps had been nullified by John and Tom leading around. Bruce was soon past Tom and chasing John and these two were side by side at the bottom mark with Bruce having the inside overlap and coming out ahead to take the win. John second, Tom quite a way back and third.

**Reuben Muir** was top boat today with 3 wins and a total of 9 points. **John Macaulay** was just one point behind on 10 with one win and a series of second places. **Rick Royden** was third with 15 points and one win. **Bruce Watson** won one race.

### Winter Series Results:

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Reuben Muir</b>	<b>32</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Bruce Watson</b>	<b>51</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Laurie Glover</b>	<b>60</b>

### Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

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

### Next Week(s):

**July 24: Spring Series START**

**July 31: Spring Series 2**

**August 7: Aggregate Match Race Series 8**

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