

# Sailing 24 July 2022

## Spring Series START

It was cold and wet with a variable north-easterly. Eight members braved this for the start of what we call the Spring Series.

At the start of **race 1** Laurie Glover was about to be run down by several boats on starboard and he had to go over the line to avoid them, and then return. It wasn't long before he was back in the race and chasing Tom Clark who had taken the lead. On the downwind Laurie got within a couple of lengths, then on the upwind he pointed higher and led into lap 2 by a good margin. The



wind died at the top marks and several caught up to Laurie but going to the final mark (above) he was well ahead. Laurie went the wrong side of the mark and Tom was soon close behind. They were side by side going to the finish but Tom was on starboard at the line and he took the win by a length. Brian Christensen third.



Chris Yates initially led **race 2** but Daniel Leech took over the lead at the start of the downwind and by the end of lap 1 this was substantial. Tom led the rest of the fleet and got away to catch up to Daniel on the final leg to be side by side going to the finish (above). The angle of the line favoured Daniel and he won by an inch or two. Brian third.

Mark Christensen led away in **race 3** with Laurie close on his tail. Tom caught up to these two and the three stayed close until Mark briefly caught the top mark in lap 2. Laurie then rushed away to take the win. Tom and Mark were side by side going to the finish but wind shifts slowed Mark and Tom took second by a couple of inches.



Chris Yates took the lead in **race 4** chased by Tom. Chris still held the lead at the end of lap 1 but Rick Royden and Laurie were side by side on the downwind and were soon catching up. At the finish (left) Rick was just a few inches ahead of Tom with Laurie getting third.

Chris Ward had dropped out of race 4 with sail control problems and these proved to be unfixable at the pond.

Half a dozen boats tried to round the first mark together in **race 5** but it was Laurie that came out ahead. Brian passed Laurie and led at the top mark and stretched out the lead into lap 2. Back at the top mark the wind was very shifty and Rick and Mark caught up and went past while Laurie came alongside Brian. Mark also lost sail control, possibly a battery problem, and pulled out while Laurie passed Brian to be alongside Rick going to the final mark but Rick tacked early and laid the finish to win with Laurie and Brian placing.



The **final race**, with a divisional start, had Chris Yates take the lead and rush away on the downwind to lead by a few lengths into lap 2. By the first mark in lap 2, though, the wind was unfavourable and Brian, Daniel and Laurie passed him with Brian getting a good lead. By the final mark Laurie was up with Brian (above) and takes the win with Daniel third.

**Laurie Glover** 2 wins 9 points; **Tom Clark** 1 win 11 points, **Brian Christensen** 15 points. Rick Royden 2 wins, Daniel Leech 1 win.

## Onepoto Pond

This was a complaint to council:

*The lake and stream flooding this morning (15/7) is the worst I've seen in 20 years. The new "high" path is covered, both bridges can't be reached and the area being prepared for new planting is deep underwater. The lake now seems to flood badly after almost any rain. The drainage system is broken!*

Later the tide dropped, the flap valves could open and the flood drained away, exactly as expected. see '[Why the Pond Floods](#)' in the Onepoto section of the web site.



The new planting has now been done. Some of the wood chips laid amongst the plants have washed away.

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### Next Week(s):

**July 31: Spring Series 2**

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

**August 14: Spring Series 3**

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