

# Sailing 31 July 2022

## Spring Series 2

There was a strong, cold and blustery south-westerly wind today. A couple of showers also raised the level of misery. Ten members raced in these trying conditions.

A simple course was set to keep manoeuvring away from shore lines but, with high speed anticipated, the races were three laps.



Two boats were over at the start of **race 1** in difficult conditions and were recalled. These were Reuben Muir and Rick Royden but even so they led around the first mark. On the downwinds the gusts drove the bows under (left) and caused rounding up but Reuben held the lead while Brian Christensen passed Rick to catch up. Reuben then caught the final buoy of lap 1.

Brian's lead didn't last long as Rick went past on the windward into lap 2. On the wind in lap 3 Reuben was closing on Rick and was just a length behind going into the downwind. At the bottom mark Reuben took the lead and held it to win. Tom Clark third.



Daniel Leech led around the first two marks in **race 2** but on the downwind Reuben closed and passed then a gust hit. Daniel dived and was underwater and they both broached (above). Reuben was quicker to recover but on the windward he couldn't tack in the gusts and went close to the far shore allowing Rick to come up side by side. Reuben then caught another buoy but was only delayed for a short time. Rick took the win while Reuben was second and Laurie Glover third.



Daniel was first around the first mark again in **race 3** but this time Reuben was soon up alongside him at the start of the downwind. At the end of the downwind Daniel and Reuben were still level (above) but Reuben had the inside overlap and led away. On the windward Rick also passed Daniel and then in the final lap he was passed by several boats that were led by Brian Christensen. Reuben won with Rick and Brian taking the places.

Mike Renner had to pull out of race 3 due to rudder servo failure and he fetched his spare boat 185.



Daniel led around the first mark again in **race 4** and he was still well ahead after the downwind with Chris Ward also well ahead of the fleet. But the fleet was coming, six boats were side-by-side on the downwind. At the same point in lap 2 four of those were now close behind Daniel (above) and his position was eroded as Rick and Reuben passed him going into lap 3 and thus to the finish with Laurie getting third.



Two boats, Reuben and Rick, were over at the start and recalled in **Race 5**. As Rick returned he collided with Tom and they locked together and drifted downwind (left). As Tom was an innocent party, I assessed redress under rule 62 and gave him a score of 4 in line with his previous races.

Ian Power led at the first two marks and Reuben was soon close on his tail. At the finish Reuben led Ian with Mike in 185 third.



**Race 6**, with a divisional start, had Daniel take the lead at the first mark with Mike and Chris Yates chasing. On the downwind Chris went past into the lead while Laurie and Ian caught Daniel on the downwind in lap 2 and went past Mike on the windward into lap 3. By the finish Chris was still leading and took the win (left) with Laurie just a couple of lengths

behind getting second, Ian third.

Top boat today was **Reuben Muir** with 7 points from three wins. Second was **Rick Royden** with two wins and a couple of seconds and 12 points. **Laurie Glover** was third on 17 points. **Chris Yates** won the final race.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

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

**Next Week(s):**

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

**August 14: Spring Series 3**

**August 21: Spring Series 4**

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