

Sailing 12 June 2022

Winter Series 3



The pond was up today, but just a couple of inches over most of the path. While at midday there was almost no wind, it was quite strong when racing started. It was sunny and there was no rain.

With the north-westerly the start was from the two pinks on the far side which needed to be sighted from the park bench. A short windward to orange, then there was a long downwind to 'tree blue', a couple of zig-zags to the far corner white and a long windward along the far shore back to the start line.

Mark Christensen's boat is still not running, probably a receiver fail, so he took Mike Renner's spare 61.

Race 1 had Reuben Muir lead around the first mark and take a large lead through lap 1. On the downwind



of lap 2 Rick Royden had caught up to Reuben and they were side by side while Bruce Watson and Tom Clark were closing. These two groups came together in the zig-zags where Rick and Bruce collided (above). Reuben held the lead but he and Bruce were side by side on the long windward to the finish with Reuben getting the win, Rick third.

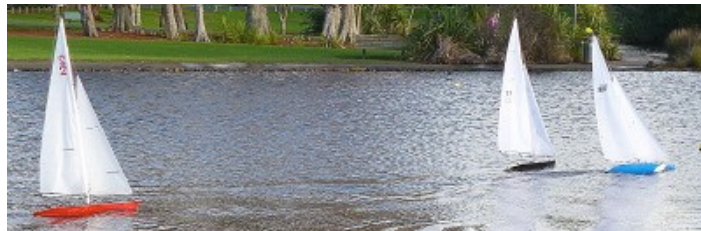
Race 2 had Chris Yates and Chris Ward take the lead but a gust had them pushed the wrong side of a mark through the zig-zags and Tom caught them before they recovered. Reuben was soon on Tom's tail and he led to the win with Tom second and Rick third.

In **race 3** Tom held the lead through most of lap 1 but fell back going into lap 2. Chris Ward went ashore on the far side but managed to sail off with difficulty as his rudder had reversed. Tom recovered to overtake Rick and Bruce but Reuben took another win.



The two Chrises and Mike Renner led **race 4** for most of lap 1, here going to 'candy' (left) but by the finish it was Tom, Rick and Reuben.

Race 5 had Rick take the initial lead with Tom close behind. Tom got past and rushed away while Rick fell back into a group with Reuben, Bruce and Ian Power. At the finish Tom won with Bruce and Rick placing.



In the **final race** the two Chrises took a convincing lead with Tom chasing (above). I am not sure what happened to Tom because he doesn't appear in the photos again until he comes past Reuben stuck on a buoy (left) at the back of the fleet. Chris Ward,

meanwhile, got away to take the win, Bruce and Rick placing.

Reuben Muir was top boat today after winning the first three races and having a total of 8 points. He holds the lead in the series. **Tom Clark** was second with two wins and 10 points. **Rick Royden** was third with 14 points. **Chris Ward** won the final race.

Members and Events

Congratulations to Mark Christensen, a crew member of the RNZYS's team in the [Seawanhaka International Challenge Cup](#), where they came 2nd. Flying the NZ flag proudly. -- Mike Renner



Thank you for the nice words. I hope to be back sailing soon, after a few months out of the country and some life distractions.

We had a great regatta and a very good result.

Now I just need to fix my boat. -- Mark Christensen

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

June 19: Winter Series 4

June 26: Winter Series 5

July 3: Aggregate Match Race Series 7

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