

# Sailing 19 June 2022

## Winter Series 4

The south-east wind was very light in the morning but it picked up as start time for the racing approached.

Tom Clark had brought the wrong transmitter so he had to race home to collect the right one and he missed the first race.



**Race 1** had Chris Yates in 86 lead at mark 1 and he was side by side with Rick Royden going to mark 2 (above). The wind was much lighter for the next two marks and several boats caught up to Rick with Bruce Watson taking the lead on the downwind. In lap 2 at the first mark it was Laurie Glover who led with Rick close behind. After the slow 'back straight' Laurie sped away while Bruce passed Rick and Mike Renner held onto Rick's tail and beat him to the finish line by half an inch.

Patrick O'Hanlon has returned to racing and he led off in **race 2**, but it was Brian Christensen that was first around mark 1. Brian still led at that mark in lap 2 but



Bruce closed in and took the lead from him on the downwind (above). Rick was next but Mark passed him to take third.



The wind was dying for **race 3**. Bruce was given a penalty for barging at the start while Tom was able to be clear ahead at the first mark. In the light winds Bruce and Laurie Glover were soon on Tom's tail. Going into lap 2 the wind died completely and these three were left drifting. Laurie managed to struggle to lead around the top mark by a good margin (above) and went on to win. Mark joined the leading group and was able to pass Tom to be third behind Bruce.

The races, especially race 3, had been so slow, and the wind was now so light, that it was decided that the last 3 races would be single lap and that one mark would be dropped.



**Race 4** had Chris Yates first around the top mark but the rest of the fleet was so close behind that they all bunched up around the mark (above). Bruce Watson



picked up some wind and rushed away to eventually take the win (above) with Rick and Laurie placing.

Laurie took the lead off the start line in **race 5** and was first around the top mark with Tom, Rick and Chris Yates close behind. Laurie stepped out to take the win. At the end of the long downwind Chris led the following group and took second with Rick third.



The wind was very light by the time of **race 6** and it was Tom that took what looked like a safe lead (above). By the third mark, however, he was caught by Rick and Chris Yates. On the downwind this

group stuck together and, at the final mark, Rick managed to get an inside overlap (left above) which let him take the win followed by Tom and Chris.

Top boat today was **Bruce Watson** with two wins and ten points. next was **Laurie Glover** with three wins and 13 points. **Rick Royden** was third with one win and 14 points.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

### Next Week(s):

**June 26: Winter Series 5**

**July 3: Aggregate Match Race Series 7**

**July 10: Winter Series 6**

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