

Sailing 13 March 2022

Autumn Series 3

The wind was somewhere between north and north-east and was quite light at times, especially round the top mark. The water was nice and clean with no weed. A dozen members turned up for the racing.

Mike Renner was having trouble before racing started with his 61 and it went ashore a couple of times, so he swapped to his 185.



In **race 1** it was Reuben Muir and Laurie Glover leading around the top mark (above) but Reuben went to the wrong next mark and Brian Christensen followed letting Bruce Watson and Laurie take the lead on the downwind. By the end of the downwind Reuben and George Stead caught the leading pair. A couple of marks later Bruce had broken away to a good lead and this held to the finish with Reuben and Laurie placing.



Race 2 had Alan Smith leading at the first mark (above) and he held this right to the finish while George and Bruce worked through the fleet, passing Chris Yates going to the final mark, to take the places. Tom Clark had caught a start buoy and took some time to get off.



Race 3 started in very light wind and it was Alan that led away at the start. Tom came alongside going to the first mark. Alan led at the start of the downwind but Tom led at the end of it (above). At the next mark Alan was leading again but the bulk of the fleet had caught up. Tom caught the buoy briefly, but long enough for him to be left at the rear. Bruce and George caught Alan at the wing mark. In lap 2, going to the top mark, Ian Power was crossing tacks with Bruce and he got a lift to take the lead. At the finish Bruce took the win and Reuben was third.

Another light wind start in **race 4** had Mike lead around the first couple of marks but he stalled and Brian took over getting away on the downwind. In lap 2 Bruce had caught up and was alongside when he decided to go around the wrong mark taking Brian with him. This let Alan take the lead which he held to the win with George and Laurie placing. As the race started Reuben discovered that the sheet had caught on the rudder servo arm* so he started very late.

Race 5 started in light winds with Bruce and Ian leading but the wind shifted briefly right around to make the first leg a downwind and Daniel Leech took the lead around the first mark. A couple of the top boats then headed for the wrong next mark and were recalled but this let Daniel and Tom lead on the



downwind (the wind had shifted back). Going to the wing mark Ian was leading with Bruce alongside (hidden) and Reuben close behind (above). Bruce got an inside overlap on Ian and took the lead to hold this to another win with Ian second and George third.



In the **final, divisional start, race** Daniel started strongly and led the whole race to take the win (left). Chris Yates followed Alan a few lengths behind to take second place while George worked through the fleet to be third.

Bruce Watson was top boat today with 3 wins and a total of 11. **George Stead** was second with 14 points from seconds and thirds. **Alan Smith** was third with 2 wins and a total of 20 points. **Daniel Leech** had one win.

Bruce leads the series with 2 race day counting and one day discarded.

* A rubber band from the top of the servo tray rear post to a support post of the sail servo can prevent this.

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Next Week(s):

March 20: Autumn Series 4

March 27: Autumn Series 5

April 3: Aggregate Match Race 5

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