

# Sailing 20 March 2022

## Autumn Series 4

The wind was very strong along the east coast but the pond at Onepoto seemed to be sheltered somewhat and was quite sailable. Half a dozen members turned up for racing but one had sail servo problems so five raced. Also at the pond was Wayne Carkeek who assisted with tuning of boats for the conditions and advised on sailing.

Tom Clark was sailing his old boat because the rudder on his usual number 2 had broken in half during the week.



In **race 1** three boats misjudged how fast they were sailing and were over at the start (above). As they restarted Chris Yates and Tom got away to a good lead. With the shifty conditions, however, Laurie Glover soon caught up to them and was leading in lap 2 but on the last leg Laurie stalled on a tack, Tom taking the win by a length.

Meanwhile, Mike Renner lost control of 85 and it circled until it came within reach of a long pole on the far side. Mike replaced this with 185 for the rest of the races. Chris went ashore but was able to push it off and finish.



**Race 2** had Daniel and Chris in the lead and crossing tacks going to the top mark and they held this lead through the wing mark (above) and going into lap 2. On the downwind, though, Laurie and Tom took over the lead and these two were side by side on the final leg with Laurie taking the win.

**Race 3** had Daniel get a lift at the start to take a lead while the other four mixed it up until eventually Tom and Laurie took the lead, Laurie getting the win.



The breeze died away around the top mark in **race 4** allowing Laurie to catch up and take the lead on the downwind (above). Chris caught the yellow buoy and was delayed quite a while. A wind change made Mike miss the wing mark and he had to reround. With just a couple of legs to go Tom caught up to Laurie but couldn't pass him. Daniel third.

**Race 5** had Tom walk away to a large lead to take the win with Laurie second and Daniel third.



In **race 6** with a divisional start, Daniel led around the first mark but Laurie had caught the other early starters and was next around. Soon he took the lead going to the wing mark (above) and stretched out his lead. Tom eventually got past the others and by lap 2 was going to the wing mark in second place. Laurie won by a large margin with Tom second and Mike third.

**Laurie Glover** was top boat today with four wins and a total of 6 points. **Tom Clark** was second on 8 points from 2 wins and several seconds. **Daniel Leech** was third with 16 points.



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**Next Week(s):**

**March 27: Autumn Series 5**

**April 3: Aggregate Match Race 5**

**April 10: Autumn Series 6**

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