

# Sailing 1 May 2022

## Aggregate Match Race Series 6

It was mainly a good sailing breeze from the north. sometimes it died away a bit, especially at the top mark, and sometimes there were gusts.

The pond was generally clean but there was some weed rising up close to the path.

Laurie Glover had left his freshly charge battery pack at home. He had some spare packs but they hadn't been charged for quite some time and these failed during racing until he used fresh alkalines.

Chris Yates had his boat fail so he took club boat 112.



Rick Royden and George Stead led the series and so they were first up in the draw but George was in a race with Bruce Watson so their race was delayed while we got on with other pairings and this was started later (left).

In the pre-start of the race between Reuben Muir and Ian Power, Reuben was on starboard and managed to

ride up on the deck of Ian's boat as it failed to give way. Unfortunately, no photo.



In the penultimate race Mike Renner held onto Bruce for the first lap and at the final mark Bruce picked up weed allowing Mike to get ahead and take the win.

In the final race Chris Yates with the club boat kept it really close with Reuben Muir and was sometimes ahead (top of next column). In the second lap Bruce got ahead

**Rick Royden** and **Reuben Muir** both won all four of their races. Rick increases his lead in the series.

After the match racing was completed, well before 4pm, a couple of legs were added to the course for fleet racing.



## Match Race Cup 2021



Bruce Watson, as defender, and George Stead, as challenger, started the 9 race series for the Match Race Cup 2021. This racing started before 2pm but by the third race we started doing the Aggregate series.

Race 1 (above) had Bruce take the lead on the first windward leg and held this to the finish.

Race 2 had George in the lead from the start but a large shift allowed Bruce to get ahead going to the first mark but the wind died and George carried way to round ahead. They were side by side on the downwind but after the leeward mark they came too close to shore and both picked up weed. George was closer to shore and was able to clear his weed quicker so had the lead to finish where he almost stalled a couple of metres from it as the wind shifted each time he tried to tack.

Race 3 had George given a penalty in the pre-start. After he completed the penalty turn Bruce had a sizeable lead and held this to take the win.

George and Bruce were drawn to have a race in the Aggregate series and they agreed to count this as race 4 for the Match Race Cup as well. Bruce won this race as well. When George pulled his boat out of the water it was seen that he had weed on his rudder again.

Bruce has 3 wins and George 1 win.

## Previous Weeks: April 17 - Easter

About 10 of us were at the pond on Sunday in pretty extreme conditions. However the racing was great and I even scored a tight win against Reuben, George and Rick. Mike Renner

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### Next Week(s):

**May 8: Mothers Day - fun day**

**May 15: Autumn Series FINAL**

**May 22: Winter Series START**

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