

Sailing 15 May 2022

Autumn Series FINAL

The wind was strong enough at 2pm to think about cancelling but we went ahead and the wind moderated, at times it was quite calm. Now that it almost the end of Autumn there are leaves in the pond that caught on a few keels and rudders.

A course was set with a couple of zig-zags but after a couple of races an extra zig-zag was added to give better windward legs. Seven members turned out for the racing.



Race 1 had George Stead, Laurie Glover and Tom Clark lead around lap 1. Going to the top mark in lap 2 Laurie went too far left and lost out while Mike Renner made big gains on the right. On the long downwind Mike was able to push through to take the lead (left). Going to the final mark Mike and Tom were side by side but Mike had the inside overlap and could round ahead to take the win.

In **race 2** Brian Christensen sped out to large lead but the wind died on the long downwind and came up from behind to bring several boats up to him. Tom was given two penalties at the bottom mark, one for barging with no buoy room and then touching the mark on his recovery from that. He soon overcame this and in lap two he took the lead from Laurie and George. Closer to the finish Tom went the wrong way on a windward and dropped back. At the finish it was George with Laurie right on his transom.

Race 3 was George again, followed by Tom and Laurie.

Race 4 had Peter Rickerby take a large lead and be around the first mark and away on the downwind while the wind died for the rest of the fleet. The rest of



the fleet kept as close group (above) and this probably slowed them down in their chase of Peter. Alan Watson had a power failure and went ashore. Peter took the win followed by Tom and Laurie.

Race 5 had Mike lead for some of the way but Tom took over on the downwind while Brian held on and George joined this group. At the finish it was George, again, with Tom and Brian placing.

In **race 6** Brian made the most of the divisional start and led at the top mark. Going into lap two he still led but Tom was half a length behind. Mike was still holding off Laurie at this point but at the finish Tom took the win with Brian second and Laurie third.

Tom Clark was top boat today with one win and a string of second places giving him 9 points. **George Stead** was second on 10 points with 3 wins. **Laurie Glover** was third with 15 points. Other wins went to **Mike Renner** and **Peter Rickerby**.

Autumn Series Results:

1 st	Bruce Watson	38
2 nd	George Stead	39
3 rd	Laurie Glover	44

George wrote: One better place and I would have tied with Bruce !!

Divisional Series Part 1 Results:

A	Bruce Watson	26
B	Laurie Glover	23
C	Mike Renner	31

News from Onepoto



The area of grass from the entrance to the first picnic table has been sprayed to kill it off prior to planting low shrubs as specified in the council plans when the new path was announced.

Previous Weeks: May 8 - Mother's Day

Mother's Day was a Fun Day but some people can't get enough. We had 7 attendees but Tony's boat had a problem and he went early. A visitor, Bruce, who sails IOMs with George, Rick, Ian and Reuben came along and after a bit of persuasion used Mike's #85 while he sailed his restored and upgraded #61, now painted purple. The wind was very light and fluctuated, though from a reasonable constant N-NE direction. Most races were reasonably close and it didn't take Bruce long to adapt to a Seawind. I think he liked the camaraderie within the group. We didn't track the results but it was a lot of fun. Mike Renner

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS



Next Week(s):

May 22: Winter Series START

May 29: Winter Series 2

June 5: Queen's Birthday Weekend - fun day

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