

Sailing 22 May 2022

Winter Series START

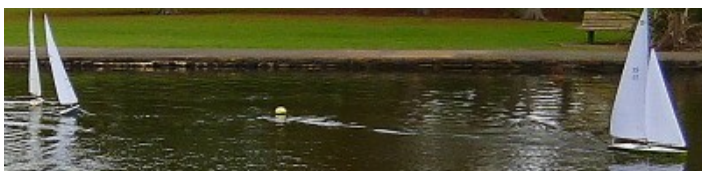
The wind was still quite strong from the south-west before 2pm today, but it calmed down and at times was quite light. There was a light spit of a shower during racing but the rain held off until we completed racing.



The first leg of **race 1** had Ian Power take the lead (above) while Laurie Glover and George Stead were not too far behind. The wind briefly died at the top mark and Ian was passed, Laurie leading the downwind and stepping out by several lengths ahead of Ian through the zig-zag. Meanwhile Ian Vickers (see panel right) had caught up to George. It was light again at the top mark in lap 2. Laurie went too far left and lost out while George and the two Ians made gains, eventually finishing in that order.



In **race 2** Laurie had taken the lead in lap 1 while a bunch were catching. Reuben Muir led the bunch at the zig-zag (above) and chased Laurie down to take the win. George getting third.



Race 3 had Reuben with the initial lead but Laurie came through to take the lead into lap 2. At the top mark he had several lengths (above) but Reuben and George cut this down and passed to put Laurie third.



Race 4 had Daniel Leech storm off to a large lead with Brian Christensen taking a position halfway between Dan and the next group. In lap 2 Reuben and Laurie had passed everyone else and were charging down Dan. Brian was passed but Dan held on to take the win (left). Four boats retired, some after collecting weed.



Laurie led the first lap of **race 5** (above) being chased by a close knit group. They slowly wore him down with George and Tom Clark getting past and taking the lead at the finish.



Race 6 lap 2 had Daniel and Alan Smith side by side in the lead on the long downwind (left) while Ian Power and Laurie duked it out quite a few lengths behind. Through the zig-zag Alan took control and led away to get the win while Ian led Laurie to get third.

Reuben Muir was top boat today with 13 points from two wins. **George Stead** was second just 1 point behind also with two wins. Another single point back was **Laurie Glover** on 15. Other wins went to Daniel Leech and Alan Smith.

Members and Visitors



Ian Vickers (left above), of IOM fame, joined us today and took club boat 112 for a couple of races. Bob Senior (right above) had sailed a couple of weeks ago and now has George Stead's old 94, now renumbered 84, to sail with us again.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

May 29: Winter Series 2

June 5: Queen's Birthday Weekend - fun day

June 12: Winter Series 3

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