

# Sailing 29 May 2022

## Winter Series 2

The wind was strong and gusty but the nine members that turned out wanted to sail. Alan Watson reported that the problem he had a couple of weeks ago was due to a battery cell failure and this repeated again this week. He withdrew as the conditions were too strong.



**Race 1** started in a gust (above) with Reuben Muir taking the lead, but at the top mark George Stead was able to cut across Reuben's bow to be first around. Laurie Glover and Brian Christensen tangled together for a short time on the downwind but separated. Reuben



pulled out with servo failure. At the last mark Tom Clark caught George and they crossed tacks on the final leg (above) with George taking the win, Tom second and Daniel Leech leading the rest to be third.

Reuben took the club boat's battery to check his boat but it was his winch servo that had failed. He then took my spare Prada number 1 which hadn't been used, or even recharged, for quite some time, for the rest of the races. Its batteries did get very low later and the club boat's batteries were used to keep it sailing.

**Race 2** had Brian first around the top mark with Laurie close behind. Reuben had my Prada going well and caught up to them on the run down to Bridge Yellow where a gust struck and rounded up all three boats which let Tom rush past into the lead. At the end of lap 1 Reuben and Laurie had caught up to Tom and these three kept close. At the finish it was Laurie, Reuben, then Tom.



George took the lead in **race 3** with Tom and Reuben close on his tail. A gust at the bottom mark had Tom lose out. Reuben took the lead going into lap 2 and rushed away to a good sized lead and eventually the win. George came through for second with Ian Power third.

Chris Yates had the lead early in **race 4** with Daniel just



a few lengths behind and Laurie next. These last two collided and swung around with their mast tops locked (above). They drifted ashore and retired leaving Reuben to take the lead and eventually the win. George second and Brian third.

The wind dropped a bit for **race 5**. Ian led around the zig-zag followed by Reuben then Tom and George (bottom of page). Ian and Reuben were side by side going to Bridge Yellow but Ian pulled away on the long windward into lap 2. George was catching on the last leg. Ian took the win with Reuben and George placing. Chris Yates had his winch servo fail.

Daniel and Brian got away to lead while Tom started a bit early in **race 6** and had to return. Daniel still led into lap 2 but Tom and Laurie were on his tail. Laurie took the lead going to Far Yellow and Tom came past on the final leg making Daniel third.



As Laurie came to shore his forestay broke (left), fortunately within reach.

**Reuben Muir** was top boat today in Prada 1 with two wins and 10 points. Two boats were in second place with 15 points: **Tom Clark**, and **George Stead** with one win. The other wins went to **Ian Power with one** and **Laurie Glover** with two wins

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

**Next Week(s):**

**June 5: Queen's Birthday Weekend - fun day**

**June 12: Winter Series 3**

**June 19: Winter Series 4**

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