

Sailing 11 September 2022

Aggregate Match Race Series FINAL

There was a nice north-easterly breeze over most of the pond but the wind was lighter at the north end so the course didn't go too deep into that. The line could be laid from 'bridge yellow' so 'turquoise' was set as the bottom mark. The sun was shining and it was quite warm to start but at 3pm a cold front came in and several members went back to their cars to get jackets.



In the race between Mike Renner and Tom Clark Mike had to do a port-end start with Tom on starboard running down the line, but managed to cross ahead of Tom (above). Mike then led most of the race but rounding the bottom mark for the final time he had a sheet foul and Tom took the win.



Next up was John Macaulay and Chris Ward. John was aggressive in the pre-start and ran at Chris on starboard, turning away at the last moment (left) to give Chris a penalty to be done immediately after the start. Chris then won this race.

A couple of races later it was Ian Power and Tony Nissan. Soon after the start Tony's boat stopped with no power. A couple of attempts were made to herd the boat to shore but these failed and it was recovered in the far corner. It was full of water and a large crack was discovered in the forebody underside of unknown origin. Tony retired leaving his drawn competitors to have unchallenged wins.



Rick Royden and Tom were both aggressive in the pre-start of their race and they each got a penalty on the other (left) cancelling these out. Tom then caught his keel on a start mark and the race was given a restart. Tom then won this race in a close contest being just a length or two ahead in the final few metres.



In the pre-start of the race between Chris and Rick, Rick chased Chris all over the pond (left) but couldn't get close enough to give him a penalty. They made an even start but Chris took the lead

at the first mark and held this until halfway on the final leg. A shift had Chris bear away left while Rick tacked and then was on starboard when they next crossed giving Rick the lead and the win.



In the background Tom gets ahead of Ian Power while Bruce and Chris are in the pre-start of the final race.

Bruce Watson was the only member to win all four of their races today.

Aggregate Match Race Series Results:

1 st	Rick Royden	46
2 nd	= Brian Christensen	36
2 nd	= Laurie Glover	36

The 2021 Match Race Cup series was abandoned when the challenger went overseas before the series completed. Bruce Watson is still the holder of the cup and is the defender of the 2022 Match Race Cup series with Rick as the challenger.

End of Club Year

The **AGM** will be held at Onepoto on 6th November.

The **Cups and Trophies** should be returned to myself or Mike by the end of September so that they can be engraved for the new winners.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

See [Wayne's Facebook page](#), now maintained by Mike Renner, for more photos.

Next Week(s):

September 18: Spring Series 6
September 25: Spring Series FINAL
October 2: Lay Day

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