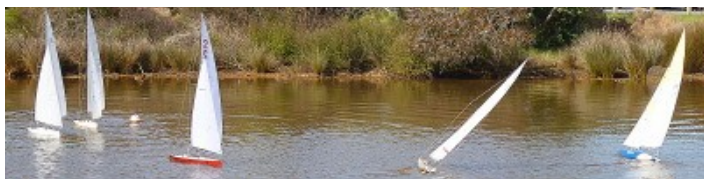


Sailing 18 September 2022

Spring Series 6

There was a serious crash on the harbour bridge before 9am and the clip-on lanes were closed for several hours causing a tail-back to Gillies Ave. This delayed some members who missed the first race or two. It also may explain why half the parking spaces at Onepoto were empty - perhaps most of the visitors to the park come from south of the harbour.

The day was sunny and warm with a good NE breeze though it had been very calm earlier. During the racing it clouded over and the wind went quite cold but it warmed up again before we finished.



The **first race** had only eight starters, including Dan Leahy who had taken my Prada 1* and Bruce Watson had only just made it in time. Tom Clark led around the first mark closely followed by Bruce and Reuben Muir (above). Tom led these three for most of the race but at the finish it was Bruce that won.

* Later the rudder broke on Prada 1 and Dan took club boat 112 for the rest of the races.



Two more members had turned up for **race 2** having spent some time parked on the bridge. Alan Smith led at the first mark and stretched the lead throughout the race. At the final mark (above) he was well ahead and took the win while Chris Yates (113) and Reuben passed Tom to take the places.

A new potential member arrived - **Grant Moon** with a new Readyset and no sail number.

Tom led away in **race 3** but it was Rick Royden that rounded the top mark first and he held this to take the win with Reuben and Bruce placing.

The wind was lighter at the start of **race 4**. Chris Ward took the initial lead with Brian Christensen chasing. At the top mark in lap 2 Chris was bracketed by Reuben and Bruce. Tom and Chris Yates caught up on the downwind but at the finish it was Reuben with the win and Chris Yates and Bruce placing.

A collision at the start of **race 5** delayed several boats letting Brian, Alan and Rick get away. Brian led

around mark 1 and had a good lead on the downwind but going through the dog-leg Alan took the lead around the mark but Reuben and Rick passed him and Dan in the club boat. Rick led away on the windward into lap 2 while Reuben, Alan, Bruce and Dan bunched up around the top mark with Dan catching his keel on it. Rick took the win by a large margin while Alan beat Reuben in the placings.

The wind was lighter for the **final race**. Brian led around the top mark again with Alan and Chris Yates close behind. Alan led at the dog-leg mark and Tom was closing on them. Into lap 2 Alan and Tom had sped away from the rest and were side by side and the bottom mark. They were crossing tacks in the dog-leg and the final leg, Tom won by just a metre. Reuben took third place.

Top boat today was **Reuben Muir** with one win and 11 points. Second was **Rick Royden** with two wins and 15 points. Two members were third equal on 17 points, each with one win: **Tom Clark** and **Bruce Watson**. The other win went to **Alan Smith**.

With just one more race day in the series it is led by Rick Royden with Laurie Glover and Tom Clark holding the places. However, Reuben Muir has only sailed on three days and so could overturn these.

Match Racing Cups

The Match Race Cup series 2021 was abandoned when George Stead went overseas after only half the races were completed. Bruce Watson is the defender for the 2022 series and Rick Royden is the challenger having won the Aggregate series.

I was remiss in not organizing the Fraser and McCaw Cup series but these can be sailed during the remainder of 2022. The Fraser Cup semi-final will be between Tom Clark and Ian Power with the final between the winner of that and Laurie Glover. The McCaw Cup semi is between Chris Yates and Brian Christensen with the winner of that racing Mike Renner.

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](#) for more photos.

Next Week(s):

September 25: Spring Series FINAL

October 2: Lay Day

October 9: President's Cup Regatta

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