

Sailing 25 September 2022

Spring Series FINAL

It was a nice sunny day. With the bridge being fully open there were not many parking spaces available this week. The wind had been predicted as south-west but it was easterly and went north-east for the racing. The heat of the day started to bring up weed and this affected many of the boats during racing.

We started **race 1** 10 minutes late as a boat was recovered from the shallows. Ian Power led around the first mark chased by Daniel leech and Tom Clark. At the bottom of the course Ian had run away to a large lead and John Macaulay and Chris Yates caught up to the group following Ian. Through the dog-leg Rick Royden came to the lead of that group. The wind died away at the top mark in lap 2 and Ian was held up as he was caught by Rick, Chris and Daniel. Ian crept around the mark and was able to get back to a large lead on the downwind and took the win while Chris and Rick swapped position until Rick got second, Chris third.

Race 2 had Chris take the lead around the first mark closely followed by Brian Christensen and Mike Renner. By the final mark of lap 1 Laurie Glover was up beside Chris. At the top mark Chris still led but Laurie passed him on the downwind to take the win with Chris and Brian placing.



John and Tom were around the first two mark in **race 3** with a good sized lead (above). John rushed away to be unchallenged while Tom caught the final mark of lap 1 for a brief time but it let Ian pass and Rick and Brian catch up to him. At the finish John won with Rick and Tom placing.

A lot of the racing was affected by weed, such as in **race 4** where Ian had taken a large lead chased by Rick leaving a large gap back to the next boats. Going to the top mark in lap 2 they were side by side. At the mark the wind was light and Rick took the lead. Ian caught some weed and by the time he could clear it he was at the back of the fleet. Rick won with John and Patrick O'Hanlon placing.



Rick led away from the start of race 5. on the downwind Chris was on his transom and Ian was following closely (above). Chris took the lead through

the bottom marks. Going to the dog-leg mark Ian crossed close behind Chris and then led around the mark. At the final mark of lap 1 John took the inside overlap on Ian and grabbed the lead with Rick following those two closely. By the top mark Rick was back leading and took the win with John and Ian placing.



During the countdown for **race 6** two boats collided and locked together so the count was stopped to allow them to be freed. On the restart Daniel led away and was chased on the downwind by Chris and Mike (above). Daniel and Chris held to the finish while John made third.

Top boat today was **Rick Royden** with 2 wins and a total of 10 points. Second was **John Macaulay** with one win and a total of 12 points. third was **Chris Yates** with 17 points. Other wins went to **Ian Power**, **Laurie Glover** and **Daniel Leech**.

Spring Series 2022 Results:

1 st	Rick Royden	42
2 nd	Laurie Glover	55
3 rd	Tom Clark	67

Last Week

I had boat in car and with a really good breeze here in Epsom I set out for Onepoto. Couldn't get on the motorway at Gillies Ave let alone the harbour bridge.

Allan Watson 515

End of Club Year

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

Volunteers are required to do the catering for the AGM

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

Next Week(s):

October 2: Lay Day - fun day

October 9: President's Cup Regatta

October 16: Lay Day

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