

# Sailing 11 December 2022

## Summer Series 4

It had been raining hard overnight and through the morning and was still raining lightly when we started racing. The rain stopped after a couple of races and soon after that the sun came out and made it hot and humid. The pond was slightly over the path. The weed around the edge was down but there were small clumps floating which may have been the result of the desilting stirring these up. This weed was picked up by all the boats, some more frequently than others.

Six members turned out for the racing. A simple windward-leeward course was set with 3 laps.



**Race 1** had Chris Yates taking the lead with Daniel Leech close behind. Chris increased his lead through the race while Reuben Muir caught and passed Daniel in the final lap (above).



Reuben      George      Chris      mark

Rick Royden took the lead at the start of **race 2** with Chris chasing close behind. Rick raced away to eventually take the win while George Stead overtook Chris (above). George suffered from weed allowing Reuben to overtake him to be second, George third.

While **race 3** was a handicap start, light wind at the first mark allowed the scratch boats to catch up with George taking the lead followed by Daniel and Reuben a few lengths behind. Weed came into play and this allowed Reuben to take the lead, and the win, with Chris next. George was third, Rick and Mike withdrew with weed.



Rick took the lead in **race 4** (above) but he was passed by Reuben, Chris and George.



Daniel led around lap 1 in **race 5** but he was run down by Rick, Reuben and George (above). Rounding the final top mark George tapped Reubens stern and had to do a penalty turn. By the finish these three had reversed order with George taking the win.



At the start of **race 6**, with a divisional start, had Reuben outside the line and pointing the wrong way and start quite late. Daniel was already around the first mark and was steaming away downwind to build a large lead, which was never challenged, and take the win (left). Rick was second, just a length ahead of Reuben.

Top boat today is **Reuben Muir** with two wins, several second places and a total of 8 points. **George Stead** and **Rick Royden** both had one win and a total of 14 points to be second equal. Other wins went to **Chris Yates** and **Daniel Leech**.

## Council Work at the Pond



This is one of the dredging barges that is doing the desilting. A pump on board stirs up the silt and pumps it through pipes to the base.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

### Next Week(s):

**December 18: Summer Series 5**

**December 25: Christmas break - fun day**

**January 1: New Year break - fun day**

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