

Sailing 18 December 2022

Summer Series 5



The pond level was lower than normal by a few inches today. After sailing I opened the weir gate and found that some of the boards had been removed and that the level was still a couple of inches above the ones that were left (above). As it was high tide at the time the level would continue to drop later in the day. The water was also not moving which indicated the the flap valves were sealed by the high tide. For the last 20 years a chain has been used to stop the valve closing completely and allow it to leak during high tide so that there is a small inflow of water. It seems that the workers have removed this chain. I have written to the council about this.

The weed was also a problem today. The de-silting has probably caused weed to be broken up and float about the pond. A simple windward-leeward 3 lap course was set down the middle of the pond to avoid the worst of the weed. Ten members were racing.



Tom Mike John Rick

Race 1 was led by Brian Christensen at the first mark and then Mike Renner took the lead for the rest of lap 1. In lap 2 Tom Clark took the lead (above) John Macaulay and Rick Royden passed Tom to take the win and second with Tom third.



In **race 2** John and Laurie Glover tangled around the first mark while George Stead took the lead chased by Rick, Tom and Brian (above) with them finishing in that order. John pulled out with rudder servo problems.



Race 3 had Maike and Brian lead at the first mark and rush off to a good lead (above). George and Rick chased hard, passed Mike and took the places behind Brian. Tom pulled out with servo problems and took my Prada 1 for the rest of the races.



George, Rick and Chris Yates finished in that order in **race 4** (above).



Race 5 had Brian and Tom (with 1) take the lead on the downwind (above). In lap 2 George and Laurie rounded the top mark together in the lead. By the finish Rick had got between them to be second.

Daniel Leech led at the first mark and around lap 1 in **race 6** followed by Mike, Brian and Chris Yates. Rick took over the lead in lap 2 and held this to the finish and the win with Chris holding on to be second and Daniel third.

George Stead and **Rick Royden** were equal top boats today with 9 points each. George with three race wins and Rick with one win. Third was **Brian Christensen** with 19 points and one win. The other win went to **John Macaulay**.

Just 3 points separate the top three contenders for the series.

Boats for Sale

Mike reports that Kjeld Parkin's boats are being sold on tradeMe.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

December 25: Christmas break - fun day

January 1: New Year break - fun day

January 8: Aggregate Match Race Series 2

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