

# Sailing 13 November 2022

## Summer Series START

It was a nice warm day with a good south-westerly breeze. There was some weed around but generally the pond was in good condition.

At the AGM it had been resolved to change the racing format to two scratch races, three individual handicap races and one divisional start race.

**Race 1** is now a handicap race. Before the start Chris Yates' 86 failed and it went to shore. He borrowed Stewart Limmer's 71 for the remainder of the races. Patrick O'Hanlon led for most of the first lap but Laurie Glover caught him at the wing mark and led into lap 2. Laurie then increased his lead to the finish with Rick Royden coming in second and Patrick holding on to third place.



**Race 2** had George Stead take the lead at the first mark followed by Reuben Muir and John Macaulay (above). George then rushed away, John passed Reuben and these three left a big gap back to the rest of the fleet as they continued to the finish. At the bottom mark the nine 'rest' arrived in close proximity, several side by side, and had to wheel around the mark and did so in an orderly manner.

In **race 3** Daniel Leech led around the first mark with Chris Ward and Patrick close behind. Daniel and Chris headed to the wrong wing mark and were called to the correct one but Brian Christensen took advantage to pass them and take the lead. At this point John had his LiFe battery fail and he went ashore. In lap 2 Reuben, George and Rick came through to take the win and places.



Rick led at mark one in **race 4** (above) and held this around lap 1. Going into lap 2 Reuben caught him and these two were tack for tack on the windward with Reuben getting a length ahead at the top mark. George led the rest to be third. Tom Clark was using the same type of battery as John and his failed in this race.

Chris Ward, Chris Yates, Mike Renner, Patrick and Daniel led as a group around the first two marks in **race 5** while the wind died away behind them letting them get a large lead on the rest.



At the final mark (above) it was Chris Ward, Laurie, Daniel and Chris Yates, but Chris Yates was able to pass two boats to take second place.



In **race 6** with a divisional start, Patrick took the lead around the first two marks but he had a broach on the downwind so Mike and Daniel could pass him. At the bottom mark Patrick was just ahead of Daniel and chased Mike holding this all the way to the finish (above). Tom was able to close on them and took third place.

**Reuben Muir** was top boat today with two wins and 17 points. **Laurie Glover** and **Rick Royden** each had 19 points, Laurie with one win. Other wins went to **George Stead, Chris Ward** and **Mike Renner**.

## Divisional Series Changes

The divisional series are reviewed twice a year and changes may be made based on performance and attendance.

Ian Power and Laurie Glover move to A division.

Mark Christensen, Ian Darby, Brian Christensen and Chris Yates move to B division.

## Council Works at the Pond

I have just been informed today that the council will start works at the pond today. This work will be limited to desilting at the northern forebay, around the weir gates and the bridge and in the side tributaries. While they will be closing off the parking area around the clubhouse and the turning bay they will not stop the pond being used.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

### Next Week(s):

**November 20: Summer series 2**

**November 27: Summer series 3**

**December 4: Aggregate Match Race series 1**

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