

Sailing 20 November 2022

Summer Series 2

There was very heavy rain storms over Saturday night and more of this was forecast for Sunday. On the way to the pond I went through heavy rain and later going home there was more heavy rain but during racing at the pond we only had a short light shower. The pond was quite clear of weed, it has probably sunk in the fresh water from the rain, but it was murky from the silt. The wind was a moderate north-easterly.

Seven members turned out for the racing. Plenty of parking was available and we parked halfway along the road so to use the path over the bridge as council work blocked off around the clubroom and the turning circle.



Race 1 had Chris Ward take the lead around the first mark and be clear around the next mark while a bunch arrived there and tried to round together (above). Chris held onto the lead through the rest of lap 1 but Rick Royden passed him on the windward in lap 2 and eventually took the win. George Stead and Laurie Glover also got past Chris to take the places.



Reuben Muir led away in **race 2** but instead of going to the wing mark he went for the line. When recalled he was well back in the fleet as Rick and Chris were leading. At the final mark (above) Reuben took the lead closely from Chris with Laurie and Rick following. On the windward to the finish Rick took the left and a shift had him take the win ahead of Reuben and Chris.

Race 3 had Chris and Mike Renner take the lead with Laurie and Brian Christensen chasing half a leg behind going to the second mark. Chris and Mike collided at the mark so Laurie led away and increased his lead all the way to the win. Reuben caught some weed and went to the path to clear it. George and Chris took the places.



Rick was over the line at the start in **race 4** and had to return. Soon, Laurie was out in front with George and Reuben close behind. The first two pulled away and were close together on the final leg (above) to take first and second with Reuben third.



Brian had been adjusting his jib settings and in **race 5** he and Chris led away. After the wing mark Brian overtook Chris (above) and led the race into lap 2 and around until going to the wing mark again he mistakenly went to the line and was called back. Laurie then took the lead and held it to the finish. Reuben and Rick were crossing tacks on the final leg with Reuben slightly ahead but, at the line, he stalled with just an inch to go and then drifted back as Rick stole second place.

In the final, divisional start, **race 6** Chris and Mike led for the first lap with Mike being first into lap 2. Soon, however, they were run down by Reuben, Rick and George who took the win and places in that order.

Rick Royden was top boat today with two wins and a score of 10. **Laurie Glover** was next with a score of 12 and three wins. **Reuben Muir** was third on 14 points and one win.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

November 27: Summer series 3

December 4: Aggregate Match Race series 1

December 11: Summer Series 4

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