

# Sailing 27 November 2022

## Summer Series 3

The day was surrounded by heavy rain showers. It was raining when I got to the pond and there was a downfall when driving home but during racing there was only one short shower. The pond was quite clean with no weed issues and that may be because it was quite cold. The wind was westerly.



**Race 1** is now a handicap race and Mike Renner took the initial lead but Tom Clark soon caught up to the leading group and by the wing mark was building a good lead with Reuben Muir also catching up to Mike (above). Tom increased his lead to the finish. Reuben passed Mike but on the final leg Mike was just a couple of lengths behind. As Reuben tacked to get to the line he stalled just a couple of inches short and Mike snatched second place.



In **race 2**, which is now a scratch race, going to Tree Blue the boats keeping close to the path lost the wind while those in the centre of the pond got a gust and so Mike led by a good margin at this mark with Daniel Leech next (above). In the varying wind going to the wing mark Daniel took the lead and George Stead caught up to Mike. At the end of lap 1 Mike was back in the lead but soon George was past him and rushing off while Reuben passed Mike at Tree Blue and Bruce Watson got past to be third at the finish.



Daniel led around the first couple of marks in **race 3** with Brian Christensen and Mike. Tom caught up and was soon leading. Bruce led the following group. When the leading group tacked to port to get to the wing mark Bruce came through on starboard at high speed to take the lead around that mark. Bruce, Tom and Brian broke away from the rest to lead into lap 2 but, with the wind dying away ahead, several boats caught them at the top marks (above). Tom had hit a

mark and did a penalty turn which took him from the lead leaving Bruce, Rick Royden and Reuben to take the win and places.



Rick took the lead in **race 4** chased by Reuben, George and Tom (above). Reuben dropped back behind Bruce leaving George and Tom to take the places behind Rick.

At the start of **race 5** Tom had his jib sheet loop over the boom which took him out of contention. Some rain started soon after the start which moderated the wind. Going into lap 2 Reuben and Bruce led and were sometimes side by side but by the finish George managed to get between them to be second.



When the A division started in **race 6** both Rick and Bruce were recalled for being over the line. Meanwhile, Mike and Tom lead around the top marks while Reuben was catching the lead group (above). By the wing mark Reuben was in the lead with Tom close behind. These two rushed away into lap 2 and were side-by-side around the top marks. Reuben won by a short distance with Tom second. George and Daniel led the following group with George third.

**Reuben Muir** was top boat today with two race wins and a total of 10 points. **George Stead** was second with one win and several placings with a total of 12 points. **Bruce Watson** and **Rick Royden** were equal third on 16 points, each with one race win. The other win went to **Tom Clark**.

## Council Work at the Pond

From the council:

Our contractor checked the water fountain immediately after I sent you my previous email. Unfortunately it was found that the system was blocked. They are currently trying to find out exactly what happened so that they can fix the problem and re-start the water fountain.

## Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

**Next Week(s):**

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

**December 11: Summer Series 4**

**December 18: Summer Series 5**

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