

Sailing 9 October 2022

President's Cup Regatta

The day was overcast but not cold. There was a north-easterly wind which varied quite a bit in both strength and direction. There was a small amount of weed in the pond but several boats were badly affected by this.

This regatta was not held last year due to lockdowns.

Just seven members turned out for the Regatta, these drew colours to put them in three groups of two or three boats. This meant that the races, each with two groups, would be of four or five boats, and that nine races were required.



In the first race Bruce Watson was well ahead going to the first mark but went the wrong side. He turned to round it but no longer had buoy room and failed to keep clear of Chris Ward (above) so was given a penalty. Chris then led the race until, on a windward, Bruce was on starboard and made Chris tack. Mike Renner moved up to second for a while but at the finish it was Bruce, Chris then Mike.

Tom Clark led race 2 for most of lap 1 with Laurie Glover close behind, but then they caught some weed and dropped back to clear it while Chris Yates took the lead and held this to take the win.

Chris then won the next race while Tom dropped out after clearing weed several times.

In a later race Bruce led going to the top mark but went too close to the far shore and caught weed. It then took far too long to get to a point where this could be cleared. Chris Ward won that race.



Laurie Glover and Bruce Watson each won three races. Chris yates won two races. Chris Ward won one race.

President's Cup Regatta Results:

1 st	Laurie Glover	7
2 nd	Bruce Watson	9
3 rd	Chris Yates	11



Chris, Laurie and Bruce

McCaw Cup Match Racing



Brian Christensen and Chris Yates sailed their semi-final for the McCaw Cup which was a 5 race series. In their first race Brian got a pre-start penalty for a port-starboard incident but this was balanced out by Chris being over the line. Chris took the

lead at the top mark and then led to the finish for the win. In race 2 they were equal going to the bottom mark but Chris stalled going around it allowing Brian to rush away on the windward and hold the lead to take an equalising win. Race 3 had Brian lead at the first mark just as the wind died there for Chris letting Brian get a large lead and, while Chris was catching up all the way around the course, Brian took another win. Brian led away in race 4 and, while Chris kept it close, Brian took his third win to take the semi-final. He will now sail against Mike Renner for cup.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS



Next Week(s):

October 16: Lay Day - fun day

October 23: Labour Day - fun day

October 30: Fun day

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