

# Sailing 2 April 2023

## Aggregate Match Race Series 5

It was nice warm day with a south-west wind that was sometimes very light but otherwise was a good sailing breeze.

The first race was between Rick Royden and Neil Purcell. At the first mark they were very close and Neil had a small lead but by the bottom mark Rick was ahead and took the win.



In the pre-start of the race between Brian Christensen and Ian Power they were just passing in opposite directions but Ian's boom hit Brian's rigging and he was given a penalty. Brian held a small lead through the race (above) and won that race. Chris Yates follows Brian and Ian around the bottom mark.

Chris Ward was late entering the start area in the race with Dave Larsen and he had a penalty to do.



The wind died on the far side during the race between Chris Ward and Brian. Brian stopped but Chris managed to pick out a gust to pass (above).



Mike Renner led Rick for most of their race up to the final mark (above) but the wind died for their final leg and Rick was able to pass and took the win by a length.



There were times when there was a stronger wind (above). Here Dave leads Chris Ward but they were not in the same race.

In the race between Rick and Chris Ward, Chris got stuck at the bottom mark with no wind while Rick was well away to the top mark.

The **McCaw Cup** match race series was being raced between Brian and Mike. They agreed that their race would also count as the final race for the cup. Mike won the race and so wins the McCaw Cup for 2022.



In the final race between Ian and Dave they came to the finish line side by side (above). Dave was given the win by just an inch or two.

Top boat today was **Rick Royden**, again, with 4 wins. **Dave Larsen** and **Neil Purcell** had 3 wins each.

The racing was completed by 3:15pm and some fleet races were sailed.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**



**Next Week(s):**

**April 9: Easter**

**April 16: Autumn Series 6**

**April 23: ANZAC Weekend - fun day**

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