

# Sailing 16 April 2023

## Autumn Series 6

The wind was strong and gusty. It was on the edge of cancelling the day's sailing, but the eight members that turned up wanted to try to sail the races. The wind at the top marks was sometimes light as they were sheltered somewhat by the bushes.



There was a lot of rounding up and burying the bow when gusts hit (left) but with a few adjustments such as tightening the backstay most boats survived.



**Race 1** had Brian Christensen take a good sized lead around the first couple of marks with Mike Renner and Daniel Leech chasing. By the start of the downwind Mike had caught and passed Brian. At the bottom mark Brian broached the wrong way and went to the curb while Mike led away. Back at the top mark three boats caught up to Mike. At the final mark (above) Ian Power and Daniel were ahead of Mike with Tom Clark and George Stead close behind. At the finish George on port tack tried to cross in front of Ian but they collided and this allowed Mike to cross on the far side and take the win with Daniel just an inch or two behind and Ian third.

**Race 2** had Brian leading around the first mark again, this time Tom was close behind. These two swapped having the lead all the way around the course until Tom won in a close finish with Brian. Ian third.



Brian and Mike took a good lead in **race 3** with Tom leading the rest (above). Neil Purcell had turned up with an old-style Readysset and started in this race but his sail servo failed. Going to the bottom mark both Brian and Mike buried their bows and broached which let Tom close up to them and back on the wind these three were just a few metres apart. By the finish Tom took the win with Brian second, Mike had faded away, and Ian came through to be third.



**Race 4** had a gust hit just after the start which laid Ian and Chris Yates on their sides and held up Daniel. Tom took the lead with Rick and George following (above) but on the final leg Rick took the lead and the win while George also passed Tom to be second.

Brian took another early lead at the first mark in **race 5**, but Tom led at the top mark with Daniel next. These two raced away downwind to a good sized lead. Just before the bottom mark Daniel broached and, by the time he had recovered, a couple of boats caught up to him. Tom then increased his lead through lap 2 and was almost the length of the pond ahead. Daniel, Rick and Ian were together approaching the final mark when a gust hit and they broached in formation. Daniel's jib clew failed and he retired while Ian took second with Rick third.



Daniel took the lead around the first mark in **race 6** and had a good lead by the top mark. Rick Ian and Chris rafted up as they rounded that mark and they drifted off until they separated (left). Tom caught up to Daniel and for the rest of the race they weren't more than a couple of

metres apart while they ran away to the finish. Daniel took the win with Tom second and George led the rest to be third.

**Tom Clark** was top boat today with three wins, a second and a third for a total of eight points. **George Stead** was second with 17 points and **Ian Power** third with 19 points. The other wins went to **Mike Renner**, **Rick Royden** and **Daniel Leach**.

With one more race day Rick Royden leads the series with Bruce Watson just 2 points behind.

## Other Events

Rubin Muir won the Dragon Force 65 National Championship 2 day event held at Wattle Downs this weekend.

## Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

### Next Week(s):

**April 23: ANZAC Weekend - fun day**  
**April 30: Autumn Series FINAL**  
**May 7: Aggregate Match Race Series 6**

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