

Sailing 20 August 2023

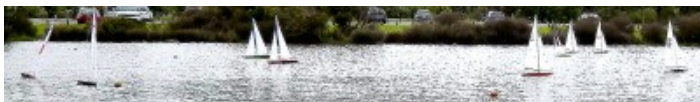
Spring Series 4

It had rained all night so the pond was up over the path. The wind was a light westerly which made it difficult to set up windward legs on the course. Later, an extra mark was added to give a better windward to the finish line. It started raining during race 5, because we had got through the races quite quickly we finished by 3:30.

Race 1 had Daniel Leech take a good sized lead by the first mark and he held this into the dog leg chased around the second mark by Mike Renner and Dave Larsen (foot of page). Back at the top mark in lap 2 Daniel and Mike still led but others were much closer. Around the next mark the group bunched up causing some chaos (below right). While Mike held onto the lead the group split in two and it was Reuben Muir, Bruce Watson and Tom Clark on starboard when the two parts met. At the finish it was Bruce leading Reuben with Rick Royden getting third.



Race 2 had Tom forced over early and called back. Mike started at speed on the far end of the line and had a clear run to the first mark but Reuben and Rick rounded outside him and several were very close behind (above). By the end of lap 1 Rick led chased by Reuben. At the finish this had reversed with Laurie Glover getting third.



Daniel took the lead again in **race 3** with Mike just a couple of lengths behind. At the wing mark Dave and Neil Purcell were next (above). Daniel held this lead to the finish and the win with Tom and Reuben taking the places.

Ian Power pulled out of the race after having trouble in the first two with control being lost. He tried changing batteries in the boat but the fourth battery wouldn't seat in the holder, which maybe why control was lost. I used a small lever to force the battery in.



Mike tried a high speed run at the far end of the start line again in **race 4**, but this time he was somewhat early and was recalled. Daniel led the fleet over the start but approaching the first mark Reuben got a gust and leapt ahead to be first around with Bruce passing Daniel going to the next mark (above). These took the wrong tack and Rick passed them to the wing mark. At the final mark Reuben was leading but within five metres of the finish Rick went past to win. Tom got third



It was raining hard for **race 5** which made photography difficult with poor results. Daniel led away with Mike next (above). At the second mark a group arrived together just behind Mike and caused chaos again. In lap 2 Tom found a lift that raced him into a large lead which he then held to the finish and win. Rick and Laurie took the places.

Race 6, with a divisional start, had Mike, Dave and Daniel together around the first mark and staying in the lead around the course with Daniel taking the win with Mike second. Neil held off Reuben to take third.

Top boat today was **Reuben Muir** with 12 points and one win. **Rick Royden** was second with 15 points and one win. Third was **Tom Clark** with 16 points and one win. **Daniel Leech** had two wins and **Bruce Watson** had one win.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS



Next Week(s):

August 27: Spring Series 5

September 3: Father's Day

September 10: Aggregate Match Race FINAL

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