

Sailing 27 August 2023

Spring Series 5

Early in the day there was no wind and then it sprung up as it brought rain. When we went to race the wind was a reasonable westerly. There was a light shower but later, in race 5, there was heavy rain.

Sixteen members turned up for the racing but in **race 1** several boats had problems and withdrew. Daniel Leech had his sail servo fail. Dave



Morgan had his jib pull away from its boom. These two did not sail again, and Patrick O'Hanlon went home feeling unwell. Chris Ward and John Staveley collided on the back straight (left) and drifted to

shore. Neil Purcell ran into a log and ran up onto it.



Dave Larsen led around the first mark and took a large lead on the back straight from Mike Renner and Laurie Glover (above). A couple of marks later Chris Yates and Laurie caught Dave with Ian Power close behind. At the next mark Chris and Dave did a very wide rounding letting Ian take the lead with Rick Royden right on his transom. By the end of the lap it was Rick and Reuben Muir vying for the lead. Just behind them were Bruce Watson and Laurie but they collided and locked mast tops briefly which let Tom Clark past to be third.

Race 2 had Rick and Laurie rush ahead around the first couple of marks. On the back straight Chris Ward and Chris Yates collided and locked together and drifted to shore. A couple of marks later Reuben had caught up to Rick. Reuben won, then Rick and Bruce.



Mike and Brian Christensen took the lead in **race 3** (above). Laurie soon caught and passed these two and led away to a good sized lead. Soon, Reuben and Rick closed on Brian, Dave and Mike (top of next column). By the finish Laurie



had taken the win by a wide margin, Reuben and Rick passed Brian to take the places.



At the start of **race 4** Ian and Rick were recalled for being early. Reuben and Tom took the lead going to the first mark with Bruce close behind (above) These three held the lead around the course and finished in that order.



In **race 5** Mike led again around the first couple of marks chased by Dave and Laurie. In lap 2 it was Reuben and Rick that were competing, again, for the lead (above). By the finish Bruce had passed Laurie to be third.

With hard rain falling I pushed for a quick start and just a single lap for the divisional start **race 6**. I didn't even try to take photos in the rain. Several members had rushed off to get out of the rain or to pick up jackets or transmitter covers. A couple returned but had missed the start. Mike led all the way around with Chris Ward finally getting his boat going well to be second and Reuben working up to third.

Reuben Muir was top boat again today with eight points and two wins. **Rick Royden** was second with 11 points and two wins. **Bruce Watson** was third with 19 points. Other wins went to **Laurie Glover** and **Mike Renner**.

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Next Week(s):

September 3: Father's Day

September 10: Aggregate Match Race FINAL

September 17: Spring Series 6

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