

Sailing 19 February 2023

Autumn Series START

The wind had been almost non-existent in the morning but it started to pick up just before 2pm and soon was a nice south-westerly breeze. The pond was up over the path but as we left it was down to the curb. There was no weed but children had been throwing sticks (from the gale last week) in and a couple of boats caught these.

Patrick O'Hanlon brought along his brother Peter who was up from Nelso. He sailed Mike Renner's number 7. Neil Purcell hadn't brought along his boat so he took my Prada number 1.



Mike Renner led around the first mark in **race 1** but he was soon overtaken by Bruce Watson and Tom Clark. In lap 2 Rick Royden and George Stead came past Tom to take the places behind Bruce.



In **race 2** it was Rick that led away but Bruce was close behind at the first mark. I was pleased to see that Neil with my Prada 1 was close behind at that point. Soon Bruce took the lead and rushed away to a large one. Rick held on as second (above) but going to the top mark in lap 2 George went to the left side and overtook Rick.



Before race 3 Brian Christensen caught some weed and needed rescuing by Neil.

Race 3 Patrick and Mike led down the first leg (above). At the first mark Daniel Leech (left above) got between them and soon led away to a large lead that held to the finish and win (left). Bruce and Rick took the places.



The wind went light at the first mark in **race 4** which brought most of the fleet together around the first mark. Rick went to the middle of the pond and caught more wind (above) and ran away in the lead chased by Tom. Bruce and George caught Tom and passed him on the final leg to take the places.



Mike was first around the first mark in **race 5** leaving a bunch struggling as the wind went lighter. Bruce and Neil led the rest to chase Mike (above). Tom and George collided and locked together, retiring when they separated. Bruce passed Mike, Rick caught and passed Mike and Neil to be second, Neil third.



Race 6, with a divisional start, had the early starters rush ahead. Peter took the lead on the first downwind while Tom, Daniel and Patrick got too close together, tangled and rounded up before separating. By the dog-leg Brian was leading (above). Mike led around the final mark but it was Brian that took the win with Peter second and Daniel third.

State of the Pond

From Maurie Ogden:

I was at the pond this morning, and found the weather vane has been a victim to the weather. I'm letting you know I've made a new one and will paint it tomorrow, and install it on Tuesday weather permitting.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

February 26: Autumn Series 2

March 5: Aggregate Match Race Series 4

March 12: Autumn Series 3

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