

# Sailing 26 February 2023

## Autumn Series 2

The pond was up over the path again today due to the heavy rain overnight. This rose by a couple of inches during racing and then started to fall as the tide fell. The depth was enough to fill shorter gumboots during launch or recovery.

The wind was very light when we arrived but picked up to be a nice north-easterly before racing started.

In **race 1** Mike Renner led at the first mark but Daniel Leech took the lead on the downwind and held this for the rest of lap 1. In lap 2, though, he was passed by Reuben Muir, Rick Royden and George Stead.



At the start of **race 2** Daniel and Reuben collided and drifted back behind the line until they separated. Rick took a narrow lead around the first mark 1 (above). Bruce and Mike collided down by the bridge end of the pond while Reuben chased Rick. In lap 2 Reuben got past going to the top mark but Rick was back in the lead by a length after the long downwind (below). At the finish it was Reuben that took the win with Rick second and Bruce third.



Mike took the lead in **race 3** and held this all the way around both laps being chased by Bruce. He was well ahead of Bruce as he rounded the final mark and was going to windward on port tack towards the finish when he collided with Bruce who was running downwind to the final mark on starboard. The two drifted off to the shore while Rick passed them to take the win (above). George and Alan Smith took the places. Rick had been walking along the water



covered path when he stepped off the curb up to his chest (reconstruction left). I offered Mike and Bruce the opportunity to protest for redress under rule 61 but they declined.



For **race 4** a change of course made the final two legs of each lap longer, going to Bridge Yellow rather than a mid pond mark. Bruce led at the first mark (above) At the first mark in lap 2 George was up alongside Bruce with Reuben close behind. On the final leg George led to take the win while Reuben was within a length and took second and Rick moved up to third.



**Race 5** had Daniel with the initial lead (above). He was later in a collision with Rick as he went to pass on a downwind. Bruce had a gust just as he went to pass a buoy and had to take three attempts at it. Reuben won with Rick and George placing.

**Race 6**, with a divisional start, had Alan and Daniel collide at the start. Mike was leading Tom Clark, Rick and Reuben for the first few legs. Tom had taken the lead by the second Turquoise and held this to the end of lap 1. By the finish Rick had taken the lead and the win while Reuben also passed Tom to be second.

**Reuben Muir** was top boat today with seven points from three wins and two seconds. **Rick Royden** was next with eight points from two wins and three seconds. **George Stead** was third on 14 points with one win.

**Rick Royden** leads the series after two race days.

## Members and Boats.

Captain Hans Koerselman passed away on Auckland Anniversary day. His daughter will be selling his boats which include Seawinds and RG65s.

Neil Purcell has a new Readysset Seawind. These now have a black hull, and blades with a red nose.

Dave Larson came to the pond today. He has bought one of Wayne's Carbon Fibre boats and will be practicing before he joins in the racing.

## Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

### Next Week(s):

**March 5: Aggregate Match Race Series 4**

**March 12: Autumn Series 3**

**March 19: Autumn Series 4**

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