

Sailing 15 January 2023

Summer Series 6

The day was hot. The wind was a nice sailing breeze from the north-east. The pond was at the usual level but the water was opaque with silt. There was some weed about.

Chris Yates was still having trouble with his electrics and he took my Prada 1 for the racing.

A complex course was set for the first race but this went to a mark that was quite sheltered and it took too long to sail. The course was cut down each of the next three races to simplify and reduce the time taken so that we could finish on time.



Race 1 had Mike Renner lead around the first mark and get through the calm area to get a good sized lead (above, Mike is far left). Soon after the initial handful rounded a group of six tried to round together with almost no breeze at the mark. Mike held the lead at the bottom mark but soon after that he was passed by Rick Royden. In lap 2 George Stead led around the first mark with Mike and Rick still in touch. On the downwind Rick was back in the lead by a good margin and he took the win with George and Reuben Muir taking the places.



The scratch start in **race 2** resulted in a crush (above) as boats that were early tried to run down the line. Rick (far left) was forced over and is returning while a block of boats stay locked together. A general recall



was made and the re-start was much calmer. Reuben led away chased by George and Laurie Glover with Neil Purcell there too. At the wing mark Neil had the inside overlap and was just behind Reuben (left) but through lap 2 Rick moved up so the finish was Reuben, Laurie, George.



Mike led away in **race 3** followed by Patrick O'Hanlon (left). On the 'back straight' George had taken the lead but Rick powered through to the lead and held this to the finish with

George and Reuben placing.

Race 4 had Brian Christensen and Patrick collide at the start and lock masts. They drifted to the far side where they were separated but then Patrick's boat was caught on the old fountain. Reuben had stepped out ahead to lead at the first mark but went too far right on the 'back straight' and was passed by several boats which had stayed central. Back on the downwind in lap 2 Reuben, George and Bruce Watson were side by side but at the finish it was George with the win, Bruce and Tom Clark placing.



Race 5 had Brian leading around the top mark followed by Dan Leahy (above). Tom was well up in the leading group (far right) and he took the lead on the 'back straight' to eventually take the win while Brian was overtaken by Reuben to be third.



In **race 6** with its divisional start it was Daniel Leech that took the lead (above) and then stretched this out to take the win. Reuben and George took the places.

Top boat today was **Reuben Muir** with one win and a score of 11. **George Stead** was one point greater on 12 and also had one win. **Rick Royen** had two race wins and his score was also one greater on 13. Other wins went to **Tom Clark** and **Daniel Leech**.

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Next Week(s):

January 22: Summer Series FINAL

January 29: Anniversary Weekend Regatta

February 5: Waitangi Day - fun day

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