

Sailing 22 January 2023

Summer Series FINAL

Another hot day for the final of the Summer series, and one that started with almost no wind. The forecast was for south-westerly but there was a very light north-easterly and a course was set for this.



Race 1, a handicap start, had the early boats move off but the later starters had difficulty even getting across the line (above). With what wind there was varying about the course it was Tom Clark (2) and Rick Royden (234) that rounded the first mark together. As the race continued slowly past the 20 minute mark and the first lap hadn't been completed yet it was cut to a single lap. Occasional gusts got Daniel Leech past Tom and chasing Rick to eventually pass him too and take the win. The race had taken half an hour for one lap.

The wind changed for **race 2** to south-west so there was delay to wait for it to settle and while a new, shorter course was set. Tom led at the first mark with Bruce Watson close behind. Bruce soon took the lead and held it to the finish. The wind died at a wing mark becalming Brian Christensen and Daniel while the rest sailed away. Daniel drifted ashore and retired. While the wind was light Chris Yates had caught and passed Tom to be second and Rick came through to third.



A bit more wind for **race 3** had Daniel rush away for a good lead after the top mark (above) but this was not to last as Tom, Neil Purcell and Rick caught and passed him. Bruce spent some time 'sailing the wrong boat' which put him well down the finishing list.



Brian led away after the first mark in **race 4** with Rick and Daniel close behind and Neil leading the next group (above). These three slowly wound in Brian with Rick taking the win, Daniel and Neil placing.



Race 5 had Mike Renner taking the lead off the line and around the first mark to put some distance back to the next boats which were Tom and Daniel. Into lap 2 Mike still had a good lead (above) but it was Bruce that moved up in the chase with Rick just behind, but he dropped out of the race with battery problems. By the finish Bruce had taken the lead and the win, Mike second and Tom third.



With just 10 minutes before 4:00pm **race 6**, with a divisional start, was made just a single lap. The wind went light which bunched the fleet at the first mark. Neil was first around but it was Daniel that led away. Tom caught up to Daniel going to the wing mark and they were side by side. Around that mark (left) Bruce was just behind.

Daniel pulled out ahead by a length and took the win.

Top equal boats today were **Tom Clark** with one win and **Daniel Leech** with 2 wins, both with a score of 13 points. Third was **Bruce Watson** on 17 points and two wins. **Rick Royden** had one win.

Summer Series 2023 Results:

1 st	Reuben Muir	43
2 nd	Rick Royden	46
3 rd	George Stead	47

Anniversary Weekend Regatta

Next weekend is Auckland Anniversary so we will have our regatta on Sunday 29th January. See [race notice](#) on the web site. We hope to start early.

Question on Seawind Parts

Alex Roy asked about the availability of parts as he had broken one of the boom vang ends. This part is the same as the ends on the rudder push rods so I suggested that if he was using 2 rods that he remove one and use an end from this to repair the vang.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

January 29: Anniversary Weekend Regatta
February 5: Waitangi Day - fun day
February 12: Aggregate Match Race Series 3

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