

Sailing 2 July 2023

Aggregate Match Race Series 7

The week had been rain and strong winds and it wasn't much better on Sunday morning. Nine members turned out for the racing and were readying their boats when there was a rain squall at 1:30. This passed over and there was even some blue sky and a bit of sun, but the westerly wind was still strong and cold.

By keeping three or four races on the course we got through them quickly. At 3pm the sky darkened and it started to rain again with the wind whipping up. With just two races left to run they were quickly started and the rest of us rushed back to the cars as heavy rainfall came.



First up were Rick Royden and Neil Purcell. They mixed it up aggressively in the prestart (left). Neil was off the start line ahead while Rick stalled on a wind shift. By the top mark Rick was slightly ahead and eventually

won the race.



The next race was between Chris Yates and Mike Renner but the start of this was delayed because Mike had caught his keel on a buoy while practising and Laurie Glover was trying to free him. In the race

Mike took an early lead (above) but soon they were side-by-side and then Chris took the lead and went on to win the race.



Daniel Leech (far right) leads Dave Larsen (far left) while Neil leads Chris Ward in their races. Daniel and Neil won these races.



The top mark was somewhat sheltered but a couple of times when two races converged at the mark there were collisions.



In the race between Rick and Dave Larsen they were on the downwind and Laurie and Neil were in their prestart. A strong gust hit and Neil rounded up trapping Rick and they both went to the far wall. This let Dave get past so Rick asked for restitution. However, as Dave neared the bottom mark the gust drove his bow down and he broached while Rick and Mike caught the gust to rush downwind at high speed (above), catching up to Dave and Rick won that race.



The race between Laurie and Brian Christensen kept it close for a while (above) but Laurie won.

Rick Royden and **Chris Yates** both won all four of their races. Rick still leads the series but now Chris is second.

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Next Week(s):

July 9: Winter Series 6

July 16: Winter Series FINAL

July 23: Spring Series START

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