

# Sailing 9 July 2023

## Winter Series 6

Another cold and wet day. It rained just before 2pm and there were several light showers during racing. In spite of the weather eleven members turned out for the racing. The wind was south-westerly and was mostly a nice racing breeze.

Brian Christensen had his boat fail with a broken wire to the receiver. I had not brought a spare boat so he went home to replace this and was back in time for race 3.



**Race 1** had Daniel Leech around the top mark and on the downwind by a good margin but by the start of the dog-leg Rick Royden had caught and passed him (above) and others had caught up. By the finish Rick had a large lead and took the win with Neil Purcell and Tom Clark placing. Mike Renner's 85 is being fixed after last week's rough final race so he had brought '7' but was not going well so he pulled out to swap it for his spare boat: '185'.



**Race 2** had Reuben and Tom rounding the first mark together and they were side-by-side for much of the downwind but a gust pushed Reuben ahead by two or three lengths. By the dog-leg Laurie Glover had caught and passed Tom (above) and this was the finishing order.



Brian and Mike were back for **race 3** and Brian led around the first mark and on the downwind with Paul Nunnerley on his heels. By the end of lap 1 Rick had taken over the lead and with Brian and Mike keeping in touch. Rick went out to a very large lead. By the final mark Tom was lying second and Bruce Watson was third (above) and this was the finishing order.



**Race 4** started in a light shower which killed the wind for awhile and didn't help the photography. Rick led around the first mark with Brian on his transom (above). At the end of the downwind Rick held a small lead ahead of Brian with Bruce and Reuben also close. A few lengths behind six boats formed a tight group but they successfully rounded the bottom mark together. By the final mark of lap 1 Brian, Bruce and Reuben were side by side while Rick was well ahead and took the win, Reuben and Bruce placing.

Daniel led on the first couple of legs of **race 5** with Chris Yates next. In lap 2 at the top mark Rick and Reuben caught up to Daniel and these three kept close together on the downwind. Going through the dog-leg Rick and Bruce collided and locked together by their mast tops and they went to shore. Reuben took the win, Daniel held on for second and Neil came through to be third.



In **race 6** Tom took the lead, initially by a small amount, but he increased this to the final mark (above) and took the win. Reuben was second and Neil had another podium finish with third.

**Reuben Muir** was top boat again today with two wins and 10 points. **Tom Clark** and **Rick Royden** were equal on 14 points, Tom with one win and Rick with three wins.

With one race day to be sailed, four days counting and 2 discard days, Reuben has an unassailable lead in the series. Rick lies second with Tom third.

### I reply to Mike:

> Quick question: For the Seawinds do I need Mode 1 or Mode 2 (Flysky FS-i6x)

Most sailors use Mode 2 with the throttle (sail control) on the left and use the right stick for rudder. Mode 1 has the throttle on the right and is mostly used by aircraft flyers.

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### Next Week(s):

**July 16: Winter Series FINAL**

**July 23: Spring Series START**

**July 30: Spring Series 2**

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