

Sailing 16 July 2023

Winter Series FINAL

The wind was cold and strong from the west but at least it didn't rain. Nine members turned out for the final races of the Winter Series.



The wind was quite light and shifty at the first mark in **race 1** and this resulted in a couple of boats missing the mark and then colliding (left) as they recovered. The result was Chris Yates and Dave

Morgan locking masts together and drifting off to the shore. Brian Christensen and Tom Clark took the lead on the downwind to 'white' and back on the wind they were side by side chased closely by Mike Renner. By the first mark in lap 2 Rick Royden had taken the lead and Bruce Watson. On the downwind a gust had the leaders diving and broaching and Tom was back in the lead and took the win with Rick and Bruce placing.



Rick led away in **race 2** (above). After 'white' Rick and Tom were side by side back on the wind with Tom getting around the dog leg ahead. For the last few legs it was Tom and Bruce that were side by side with Bruce getting the win, Neil Purcell getting third.



Chris led **race 3** with Rick close behind for most of the race (above). Rick took the lead in the last couple of legs but collided with another and did a penalty turn which let Chris win with Rick and Brian placing.



For most of **race 4** Bruce, Rick and Tom led as a group with the positions swapping around. Tom dropped back and was caught by A group led by Chris (above). Rick won, Bruce and Chris placed.



In **race 5** Brian took the lead chased by Chris and Mike but Rick was soon to be charging down on them. The wind gusted up leading to several diving and broaching (left) but Rick was quick to recover and took the lead (left).



Mike and Bruce collided with Bruce's bow catching Mike's drain tube (left) and it took some time for them to separate, by which time they were well behind and Mike had taken on quite a bit of water. Rick won the race with Chris and Tom placing.

Race 6 had Mike take the lead at the first mark with Dave Larsen close behind but a couple of legs later Tom had caught up and was between them. Chris and Brian collided but soon recovered. In lap 2 Rick came through to lead and win. Tom and Mike placing.

Top boat today was **Rick Royden** with 7 points from three wins. **Tom Clark** was second on 12 points and one win. **Chris Yates** was third with 15 points and one win. The other win went to **Bruce Watson**.

Winter Series 2023 Results

1	Reuben Muir	29
2	Rick Royden	46
3	Tom Clark	57

Other Events

The Auckland Championships for the DragonForce DF65 and DF95 were held at Wattle Farm on Saturday and Reuben Muir won both.

Clubhouse and AGM

The AGM and Prize Giving is scheduled for 5 November. However, the clubhouse will not be available from September to the end of November. The AGM has normally been held before the new racing calendar begins so that it can be approved and any proposals can be incorporated.

It is proposed that the Prize Giving is delayed until the clubhouse is available in early December and that the business of the AGM be done using email in late October.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

July 23: Spring Series START

July 30: Spring Series 2

August 6: Aggregate Match Race Series 8

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