

# Sailing 23 July 2023

## Spring Series START

The wind blew up over lunch time and there was a light shower but by the time racing started the wind was a nice sailing breeze. The pond was up over the path which required gumboots be worn when launching and recovering.



Paul Nunnerley had changed his '800' sails to another set marked '87'. In **race 1** Paul took the lead around the first couple of marks chased by Patrick O'Hanlon, Daniel Leech and Dave Larsen. By the end of the downwind Dave led, and he held this going into lap 2 with Daniel just a few lengths behind. back on the downwind Dave had take a huge lead but Tom Clark and Rick Royden were working through the fleet. Going to the finish in shifty conditions it was unsure which of the leading three would win but Dave got there with Tom next, then Rick (above). Paul's rig had fallen down and acted as a sea anchor. Laurie Glover went to push him ashore.



In **race 2** Rick, Bruce Watson and Brian Christensen rounded the first mark together (left). These three ran away on the downwind with Tom catching up. By the final mark Rick had taken a large lead and took the win, Brian led Bruce in places.



**Race 3** had Alan Smith lead around the first mark and take off downwind. By the dog-leg he was a leg ahead of the rest. Alan held this lead while Bruce and Rick leading the rest. At the penultimate mark several boats approached together and there were collisions (above). Alan won the race with Laurie and Neil Purcell placing. Daniel had his sail servo fail.

In **race 4** Alan, again, led at the first mark with Dave close behind. At the dog-leg Alan held a small lead



over Rick with Dave close by. Going into lap 2 Rick led Alan by half a length and stretched this out going to the top mark Rick chose the wrong path and Alan took back the lead by several lengths and held this to the win (above) with Rick and Dave placing.



Alan took the lead around the first couple of marks again in **race 5** followed by Dave and Laurie. Through the dog leg Alan held a good lead and Brian caught up to Dave (above). Alan won with Brian second and Rick third.



In **race 6** a close group of Patrick, Mike Renner, Tom and Chris Yates were running side by side in the lead when a gust hit and caused some collisions leading to Patrick and Mike being left behind. Going into lap 2 and to the top mark Tom was leading with Dave and Neil close behind and Bruce closing on them (above). In the rest of lap 2 Rick caught up to be second.

Top boat today was **Rick Royden** with a total of 11 points and one win. **Alan Smith** was second with 17 points and three wins. **Tom Clark** and **Dave Larsen** were equal third with 19 points and one win each.

## Other Events

The IOM Auckland Championships were held at Wattle Farm over the weekend. After the first day Ian Vickers led the series with Reuben Muir second. I haven't heard the final results yet.

<http://www.wattlefarmsailing.nz/Events.html>

## Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

### Next Week(s):

**July 30: Spring Series 2**

**August 6: Aggregate Match Race Series 8**

**August 13: Spring Series 3**

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