

Sailing 11 June 2023

Winter Series 3

The day started with almost no wind and blue sky. Around lunchtime it became overcast and a cold south-west wind came in. Fifteen members turned up for racing including Dave Morgan who had previously been at the pond but did not race. Plus John Staveley who sailed a new black hulled and red nosed Readysset but did not race.



Race 1 had Dave Larsen and Daniel Leech lead around the top marks (above). Paul Nannerley and Alan Smith caught up to them on the downwind and Alan had the inside overlap at the bottom mark to take the lead by a few lengths. Alan then stretched out his lead while Bruce Watson and Laurie Glover worked through the fleet to give chase and were closing on Alan in the final leg but not fast enough.

The wind was lighter for the start of **race 2** and it was Neil Purcell who led away and was first to the top mark with Dave close behind. At the final mark in lap 1 Bruce got past Neil and Rick Royden was close on the tail of Dave and passed him and Neil in lap 2 to take second with Neil holding onto third.



In **race 3** Paul was well on the way to 'Tree Blue' with the wind light around 'bridge Yellow' and the rest struggling to round it (above). Alan led the rest but at the second mark the light wind bunched together several boats while Paul rushed away to lead until the finish. Rick and Ian Power got past Alan to take the places.

The start of **race 4** had Bruce over the line and recalled. Ian and Tom led at the first mark with



Rick and Bruce close behind (above). Rick briefly caught on the buoy. At the end of the downwind Ian led Tom by a length while there were many lengths back to the next group of boats. Ian took the win with Tom second and Rick third.



In **race 5** Paul took the lead again around the first marks with Alan Smith and Patrick O'Hanlon chasing but Paul touched the mark and re-rounded giving Alan the lead. Alan, Patrick and



Paul went on to win and place while Dave Morgan and Brian Christensen were around the bottom mark and nine boats were line abreast going to it (above) but rounded without chaos.

Dave Larsen, Patrick and Paul led away from the bottom marks in **race 6**. These three kept it close as they left a large gap back to the next boat. At the final mark Patrick tacked to port around the final mark while Dave was so close behind that a collision could not be avoided and they both drifted to shore. Tom and Patrick came through to take first and second with Paul third.

Top boat today was **Bruce Watson** with 16 points and one win. **Tom Clark** was second with 19 points and one win. Third was **Rick Royden** with 20 points. Other wins went to **Alan Smith** with two, **Paul Nannerley** and **Ian Power**.

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Next Week(s):

June 18: Winter Series 4

June 25: Winter Series 5

July 2: Aggregate Match Race Series 7

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