

Sailing 18 June 2023

Winter Series 4

The 'Run Auckland' club was scheduled to take over Onepoto in the morning so the Electrons did not sail. They had cleared out by midday leaving plenty of parking available. While it had been sunny in the morning it turned to heavy rain by 1pm. This cleared and we were able to start racing in fairly light winds that started from the north-east. A light drizzle started with the racing and the wind went east and then died away almost completely. The heavy rain came back before 3pm and it became very cold.

Ten members turned out for the racing including John Staveley who now has number 57 on his sails. Dave Morgan was also at the pond to practice for a while.



Reuben Muir has new sails with three black stripes and readable numbers. Neil Purcell has painted a broad orange stripe on his sails to be able to clearly identify his boat when it is in amongst a group.

Race 1 had Mike Renner take the lead for the first lap (above) and into lap 2. Eventually the lead was fought for by Tom Clark, Rick Royden, Reuben and then Neil Purcell joined these. Reuben took the win with Rick and Neil placing.



Race 2 started with a collision of the far side of the line (above). Neil and Tom raced away on the light wind downwind which should have been an



upwind and then were well away while the rest of the fleet were blanketing and interfering with each other well behind (left). This included a three boat collision which

needed to go to the path to be cleared. Unfortunately, Tom and Neil missed going around the second mark and were called back from the far end of the pond to round this and thus were back in the fleet. This race was again won by Reuben with Rick second. Laurie Glover was third.

For **race 3** it was starting to rain quite hard and the wind died away even further. At the mark in the far corner the whole fleet bunched up and



tried to round together. Five boats rafted up and slowly drifted to the far shore. Chris Ward had to go wading to separate them (above).



Meanwhile only three boats continued the race: Reuben, Rick and Neil (above). These 3 completed lap 1 after about 20 minutes and eventually finished in that order. Another three finished after about another 20 minutes. I was too cold and wet and went home.

A **forth race** was held won by Tom, Mike third.

The best 3 results are scaled by 5 / 3.

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Next Week(s):

June 25: Winter Series 5

July 2: Aggregate Match Race Series 7

July 9: Winter Series 6

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