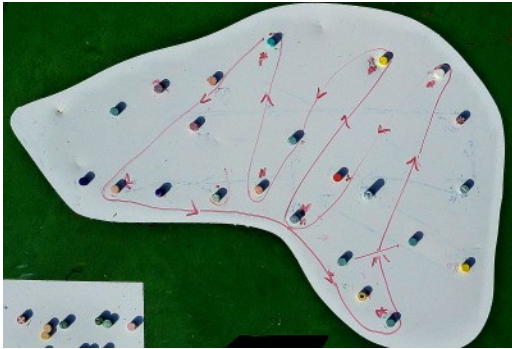


Sailing 25 June 2023

Winter Series 5

It rained quite hard at the pond at 1pm but cleared up leaving an easterly wind and occasional patches of sunlight.



As the wind was quite strong Reuben Muir set a complicated and long course that used the whole pond (above). After 3 races we were running behind schedule and so it was shortened slightly but even then the final race was cut to a single lap in order to finish just after 4pm.



In **race 1** Mike Renner and Patrick O'Hanlon led around the first mark and were nearly at the third when the rest were starting to the second (above). Tom Clark led the rest but Reuben wasn't far behind. At the end of lap 1 Mike still led and Reuben had passed Tom. Through most of lap 2 Mike and Reuben closely fought the lead but by the finish it was Reuben, Tom then Mike.



Race 2 had Mike lead around the first mark but soon Reuben passed him just before the second mark with Rick Royden right behind him (left). Neil Purcell was next and by the finish it was Reuben, Rick, Neil.



Chris Yates led **race 3** closely followed by Mike and Patrick but by the start of the long downwind Chris, Mike and Laurie Glover were a close group well

ahead (previous column). Reuben and Tom worked through the fleet to catch this group and pass them to win and be second while Mike held on the be third.



Race 4 had Tom leading around the first few marks (above). By the start of the long downwind Rick had taken the lead and Neil and Reuben were close behind. At the finish it was Reuben, Rick and Laurie on the podium.



Daniel Leech initially led **race 5** but soon Chris took the lead and rushed away. Reuben caught him up on the long downwind leaving a large gap back to the next boat. Chris led into lap 2 by a length and held this margin through lap 2 to the final leg (above). Going to the finish Reuben was slightly ahead and went to tack to port but they collided and Reuben was given a penalty. Chris won, Reuben second, Rick 3rd.

The **final**, divisional start, **race** was reduced to a single lap. In spite of giving 70 seconds Reuben took the win with Dave Larsen second and Neil third.

Reuben Muir was again top boat today with five wins and a second to total 5 points. **Rick Royden** and **Neil Purcell** were second equal on 19 points. The other win went to **Chris Yates**.

From Terry and Ruth O'Neill

Hi Richard

Hope you are all well. Say hello to the others. We have settled into Summerset at Karaka Village well. Please remove my name from the distribution list.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

July 2: Aggregate Match Race Series 7

July 9: Winter Series 6

July 16: Winter Series FINAL

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