

Sailing 12 March 2023

Autumn Series 3

The pond was quite clean and the water reasonably clear. A few boats did pick up some "weed" but some of this did seem to be pine needles.

The wind had been very light in the morning but during racing it was a good sailing breeze from the south-west.



Mike Renner led **race 1** for the first couple of legs but Laurie Glover soon took over the lead (above). Alan Smith hung onto second place through the end of lap 1 when Tom Clark caught up and was alongside Laurie around the top mark. Rick Royden was on Alan's transom on the downwind. Tom took a narrow lead from Laurie around the bottom mark and these two were side by side through the dog leg to the final mark. Rick led Alan close behind these two. On the final leg Tom fell behind as Laurie won with Rick and Alan placing.



In **race 2** Bruce Watson lost control as the race started. He changed batteries but was well behind. The wind went light on the downwind and seven boats congregated. By the bottom mark they had spread out enough to get around the mark cleanly with Tom in the lead (above). Going to the top mark again the wind went light on the far side and Rick kept to the near side and got a gust to speed him into the lead with Chris Yates and Neil Purcell close behind. By the finish Tom had caught and passed Neil to be third.

Race 3 had Mike, Chris and Tom get away and put a large gap between them and the next group of boats. They held this throughout the race. At the final mark Mike was in the lead but had a penalty to do and this allowed Tom to take the win with Chris second and Mike third.



In **race 4**, a scratch start, Tom led around the first mark with Neil right on his tail. George Stead was next (above). By the end of lap 1 George had taken the lead from Tom with Bruce and Rick catching up fast. At the finish it was George, Bruce, then Rick. Alan caught some pine needles during the race.

Mike was first around the first mark again in **race 5** but Tom was catching up fast. Mike held the lead to the bottom mark but Tom took the lead through the dog leg with Alan catching up by the final leg and Laurie getting third..



The leading tight group in **race 6** as they turned onto the downwind was Daniel Leech, Tom, Mike and Alan with Neil catching up to them (above). Neil had pulled ahead by the bottom mark but Tom and Alan were on his tail. Through the dog leg Tom took the lead and extended this to the top mark in lap 2, Rick and Bruce passing the others to chase Tom on the downwind and to take the places.

Tom Clark was top boat today with three race wins and a total of 10 points. **Rick Royden** was second with 13 points and one win. **Alan Smith** was third with 19 points. Other wins went to **Laurie Glover** and **George Stead**.

Seawind Kitset for Sale

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Next Week(s):

March 19: Autumn Series 4

March 26: Autumn Series 5

April 2: Aggregate Match Race Series 5 *

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