## Sailing 19 March 2023

## **Autumn Series 4**

Today there was a 'Turkish Market' in Onepoto Domain which rather limited the parking availability. I managed to get a park just a few spaces away but several had to walk a kilometre or two.

The pond was quite clean but it was quite a hot day and a small amount of scrut did start rising as the racing continued. The wind was south-westerly so the same race course was used from last week.



In **race 1** Mike Renner led around the first two marks but Bruce Watson was soon on his tail on the downwind (above). By the bottom mark Bruce had taken the lead and Laurie Glover passed Mike through the dog leg. On the downwind in lap 2 Rick Royden caught up to be alongside Laurie and by the finish has overtaken to be second. Ian Power caught on a buoy, by the time he was off he was last.



**Race 2** had Bruce lead around the first mark with Reuben Muir and Rick right on his transom. Bruce then rushed off downwind to take a good sized lead while Alan Smith caught and passed Rick. Bruce held a good lead after the bottom mark (above) but by the top mark in lap 2 he had been passed by Reuben and Alan. At the finish it was Reuben, Bruce, then Rick.



Mike led again in **race 3** but by the end of the first lap Alan had taken the lead and Reuben was very close behind Mike. On the final leg it was Rick, Bruce and Alan but Reuben was just behind (above) and passed Alan to be third.

**Race 4** had Ian, Laurie, George Stead and Reuben form a group that led around the course keeping it close. Ian led most of the way though Laurie did take the lead from the dog leg in Iap 1 for a while. Ian came back to take the win with Laurie and George taking the places.



Alan led at the end of lap 1 in **race 5** but Neil was close behind and took the lead on the windward. Rick came through on the downwind and led at the bottom mark chased by Neil, George, and Alan (above). By the dog leg Neil was back leading and went on the win with Rick and George placing.



Mike took the lead in **race 6** and was soon away to a large lead. Alan and Neil were side by side in pursuit. In lap 2 Reuben broke away from the bunch and chased after Mike but at the final mark Mike was still a leg ahead

of him (left). George came in third.

Top boats today were **Rick Royden** and **Bruce Watson** both on 14 points and both with one win. Third was **Reuben Muir** on 15 points, also with one win. Other wins went to **Ian Power**, **Neil Purcell** and **Mike Renner.** 

## **Members and Boats**





New member Dave Larson has produced a T shirt for Seawind and Onepoto.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS** 



Next Week(s): March 26: Autumn Series 5 April 2: Aggregate Match Race Series 5 \* April 9: Easter New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron Web site: http://Azonic.co.nz/NZRYS/

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