

# Sailing 26 March 2023

## Autumn Series 5

It was a nice warm day. The wind was mainly westerly, sometimes swinging south-west. A simple course was set but was adjusted to cater for changes in wind direction and to add a leg to give a longer course.



**Race 1** had Mike Renner and Patrick O'Hanlon swapping the lead going to the first mark and it was Patrick that led away on the downwind. Meanwhile Laurie Glover caught Mike to swap leads with him on the downwind. Patrick went to the path to clear a small amount of weed. Through the dogleg Bruce Watson and Rick Royden took the lead (above) but then at the bottom mark Bruce caught some weed and cleared it but on relaunching he stopped dead by running into a large lump. Rick ran away to a large lead and took the win. Bruce managed to move back up the fleet to get third while Chris Yates held on for second.



By the bottom mark in **race 2** Chris Yates had a lead of several lengths which he increased into the dogleg (above). In lap 2 on the downwind Bruce caught up while the wind went light at the top mark holding up the rest of the boats. At the finish Bruce was ahead, Chris was close second and then after a long wait Mike led a group to be third.



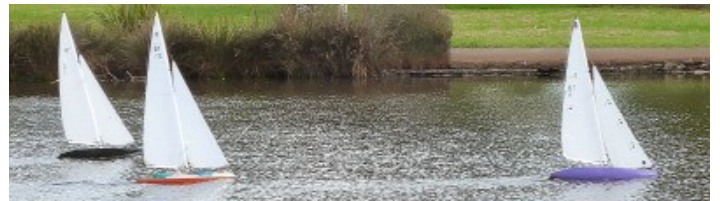
At the top mark in light wind in **race 3** Bruce led Laurie at the start of the downwind (above). Bruce went out to a large lead. Chris collided with Dave Larsen and locked together for a short time. Bruce took the win with Laurie leading Mike for the places.

Rick took a large lead at the top mark in race 4 and ran off downwind. Dave had narrow lead in the following group (next column). By the dogleg Bruce had moved ahead of Dave and Chris was catching.



Bruce picked a lift and caught Rick on the final leg to take another win, Rick second, Chris third.

Dave led around the first mark in **race 5** with Mike some distance back. With the wind increasing from behind Patrick and Laurie caught up to and passed Dave on the downwind. Through the dogleg and into lap 2 these two were side by side and now Bruce was chasing hard and was in the lead at the top mark. Bruce took his 4th win. Neil Purcell went wide on the final leg to pick a lift to get second and Laurie third.



**Race 6** had Mike take the lead going to the top mark (above) and then run away on the downwind with Dave just a few lengths behind increasing the lead on the rest of the fleet. Dave caught his keel on a buoy. While most sailed around him Neil took the time to push him off but nearly got stuck there himself. In lap 2 Mike got a lift directly to the top mark and increased his lead to 3/4 of the pond length - enough to take the win by a good margin. Laurie came second and Rick was able to pip Bruce for third.

Top boat today was **Bruce Watson** with 7 points from four race wins. **Laurie Glover** and **Rick Royden** were equal second on 15 points, Rick having one win. **Mike Renner** won one race.



## Members and Boats

Dave Larsen raced with us today with the Carbon Fibre Edition Seawind (left) that he bought from Wayne Carkeek.

Tony Nissen had range problems with the boat failing to obey when more 20 ft away.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

## Next Week(s):

**April 2: Aggregate Match Race Series 5 \***

**April 9: Easter**

**April 16: Autumn Series 6**

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