

Sailing 7 May 2023

Aggregate Match Race Series 6

There was a nice north-easterly breeze and the pond was clear for the match racing. Ten members turned out for racing.



Mike Renner and Chris Yates collided at the bottom mark in their race (above). They soon separated and Mike did his penalty turn. This gave Chris enough lead to hold this to the finish and win.

Brian Christensen was late entering the start box in his race with Laurie Glover and was given a penalty to be done immediately after starting.

Just before the 'go' in his race with Ian Power, Chris Ward was running down the line and ran out of room, turning to make an early start and had to return to start properly. Ian won the race.

In the race between Rick Royden and Mike, Rick's boat had the jib sheet catch on the end of the jib boom. This slowed Rick letting Mike pass him and take the win.

Laurie was racing against Daniel Leech (left below) and was catching up to Dave Larsen racing Ian (right below). Later in the races Ian collided with Laurie and spun him around. Daniel and Ian won their races.



As the counter went down to zero Rick pushed Brian, who was to windward, over the line and also touched him giving him a penalty (left). One turn cleared the penalty and had Brian back behind the line to

make a clean start. Rick won that race.



Chris Yates and Ian collided at the start of their race (left) and this gave Chris a penalty. Ian won.

Dave Larsen had been sailing in heavy weather earlier in the week when a gust hit driving his boat, and the one alongside him, underwater where his rear hatch popped off and the boat filled with water. In spite of cleaning out the servos Dave's sail servo failed just before his fourth race and Mike had to sail the course to take an unopposed win.

No one won all their races. **Neil Purcell, Mike Renner, Ian Power, Chris Yates and Rick Royden** each won three of their races.

Rick leads the series by a good margin.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

May 14: Mother's Day - fun day

May 21: Winter Series START

May 21: Winter Series 2

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