

# Sailing 21 May 2023

## Winter Series START

During the week, and especially on Saturday, there had been heavy rain and gale force winds. This died away on Sunday and by sailing time it was quite calm and there was just one light shower during the racing. The wind was westerly and sometimes died away and occasionally was quite gusty.

Paul Nannerly is a new member that raced today, he bought Hans Koerselman's CFE 88.



In **race 1** Brian Christensen, Mike Renner and Chris Yates got away and held a good lead. At the end of lap 1 Chris and Mike were still side by side but Chris got some good wind and took a large lead going to the top mark. The wind then died away but Chris struggled around the mark and was able to sail away to a large lead now chased by Ian Power and Reuben Muir to the finish. Tom Clark was a DNF when his boat failed to respond, this turned out to be the sail sheet was caught in the rudder servo crossbar screw.



In **race 2** several of the leading boats collided around the second mark and drifted off downwind (above). Most were able to clear but Reuben and Ian were locked together and drifted to shore to be separated. Meanwhile Brian led Chris and Paul to the top mark in light winds. Initially Brian took a large lead on the downwind but Chris Ward and Chris Yates brought up wind from behind to catch him. Some way back increasing wind had Mike, George Stead and Neil Purcell as a tight group running even faster. At the finish Neil took the win with George and Chris Yates taking the places.



For **race 3** the wind was very light. Going to the top mark Tom caught a gust that took him to the lead (above) and he held this around most of the course until George outpointed him on a windward just a couple of legs to the finish and he took the win. Neil third.

**Race 4** was just 1 lap to try to catch up the time with Reuben taking the win, Neil and Mike placing.



**Race 5** was another slow race in light winds. Tom and Neil led around the second mark with Reuben close behind (above). At the finish Reuben had passed them to take the win while Tom and Neil were side-by-side, Tom getting second by just an inch.

The divisional start **race 6** was also cut down to a single lap. Tom and Chris Yates were the initial leaders but Reuben took the lead on the downwind and stretched this out to take the win while George worked through to be second and Chris was third.

Top boat today was **Reuben Muir** with ten points from three wins. **George Stead** was second on 14 points and **Neil Purcell** was third on 17 points, each having one win. **Chris Yates** won one race.

## Other Events

After winning the DF65 National Championship last month, Reuben Muir took out the DF95 North Island champs earlier this month with very consistent results in the 18 boats per race fleet, he had "only" 3 wins but 16 top 3 placings over 26 races so it shows how competitive the racing was. [Results here.](#)

## Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

### Next Week(s):

**May 28: Winter Series 2**

**June 4: King's Birthday - fun day**

**June 11: Winter Series 3**

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