

# Sailing 28 May 2023

## Winter Series 2

Two of the buoys from the top end of the pond were together within a couple of feet of the path. It may be that during the week boats were caught on these and the buoys got dragged to shore to free them. I recovered and cleaned them and they were thrown in further from the path to prevent them being interfered with. They will need to be dragged back to a suitable position to be used as marks.

The day was clear and bright but there was a very strong and gusty wind from the north. At times it did die away somewhat but was soon back howling down the pond and knocking boats over.



In **race 1** Mike Renner was first around the top mark and was away on the downwind when the rest of the fleet arrived in a close group. Mike held this lead on the downwind with Reuben Muir and Tom Clark chasing (above). At the dog leg Reuben took the lead and then built up a large lead while Tom was caught by Tom and Chris Yates. Just before the bottom mark Mike was broached by a gust. Reuben built his lead through the second lap to be unchallenged while George Stead broke away from the bunch but was still well behind Reuben and next was Bruce Watson and Chris Yates kept it close. At the finish it was Reuben by a large margin, George and then Bruce just ahead of Chris.



During the countdown for **race 2** Chris caught George's backstay with his mast head wind indicator and they spun around but separated before it affected their starting. It is felt that these mast head devices should be banned as they have been involved in catching other boats' rigging before. The wind died away at the top mark, Mike led but Reuben held a small inside overlap and rounded first. By the finish Reuben took the win while Bruce and Tom placed.



**Race 3**, a handicap start, had Paul Nunnerley (800) get to the first mark and run away downwind as the rest of the fleet arrived in a group together in lighter winds (above). On the downwind the group formed a line abreast which meant that the boats on the right had to turn sharply to get to the yellow mark. In spite of Paul getting a large lead he was caught by Tom and Dave Larsen at the start of the dog leg. Dave took the lead around the turn mark with Tom next then Chris collided with Paul at that mark letting Reuben pass them. Going into lap 2 Reuben had taken the lead. On the final leg Bruce took the lead from Reuben. Going to the line Tom held a small lead over Bruce and Reuben but they needed to tack and Bruce crossed as they collided giving him the win while Tom did a penalty turn around the mark.



At the start of **race 4** several boats collided (left) which let Reuben and Paul get away to lead at the top mark. Reuben won with Tom and

George placing.

**Race 5** had Chris leading Bruce through the first lap well ahead of the rest. Going into lap 2 Tom had caught Bruce and by the finish Tom took the win from Chris, Bruce third.

Chris led most of lap 1 in **race 6** but going into lap 2 Daniel Leech passed him on the line. By the finish Bruce won with George and Reuben placing.

**Reuben Muir** was top boat today with three wins and a total of 9 points. **Bruce Watson** was one point behind and had two wins. **Tom Clark** was third with 13 points and one win.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

**Next Week(s):**

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

**June 11: Winter Series 3**

**June 18: Winter Series 4**

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