

# Sailing 17 September 2023

## Spring Series 6



There was a strong westerly wind today. A long course was set that used the whole pond. The start was set to be downwind. There was difficulty in having the finish use the same line as the start so a separate finish line was drawn. Eleven members were at the pond for the racing.



**Race 1** had Mike Renner lead away, after a couple of marks Paul Nunnerley had caught him and they were side by side going into the long downwind. In lap 2 Brian Christensen had passed Mike but a group of four was chasing. At the bridge end of the pond the wind was sheltered and lighter, Paul still held a good lead but the group of four was catching and were soon on Paul's tail going to 'Candy' (above). There was some confusion about that mark, after rounding it the group of four was ahead with Laurie Glover, Rick Royden, Reuben Muir and Bruce Watson within a length of each other and they finished in that order.

With a scratch start downwind in **race 2** the boats all reached the first mark close together (foot of page). They managed to get around without too much trouble with Laurie in the lead. Reuben was close behind and soon took the lead. Alan Smith and Dave Morgan collided and went to shore. Reuben increased his lead to the finish with Rick and Bruce placing.

**Race 3** had Laurie, Tom and Mike as a close group leading at the end of the long downwind. Going into lap 2 Rick, Reuben and Bruce had caught them and, at 'Far Yellow', they took the lead and held this to the finish.

At the start of **race 4** Tom was over the line and recalled. Neil Purcell and Rick collided and locked together briefly. Rick retired with his rudder reversed and the cross bar failed. Reuben soon took the lead chased by Bruce with Alan getting third.

In **race 5** Dave and Reuben collided with Dave riding up on Reuben's foredeck pushing his bow under. They did separate but this allowed Tom, Alan and Laurie to take the podium.



**Race 6** had Neil collide with Dave and at one point Neil's 6 was lifted out of the water (left). Reuben

won that race with Tom and Alan placing.

The top boat today was **Reuben Muir** with eight points and three race wins. **Bruce Watson** was next with 16 points but no wins. **Laurie Glover** was third with 18 points and one win. Other wins went to **Rick Royden** and **Tom Clark**.

With four race days counting Rick Royden has a narrow lead in the series over Reuben Muir.

## End of Club Year

Next week is the final of the Spring series which completes the racing of the club year. We require that the cups be returned to Mike or myself so that they can be engraved for this year's winners.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

### Next Week(s):

**September 24: Spring Series FINAL**

**October 1: Lay Day**

**October 8: President's Cup Regatta**

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