

Sailing 24 September 2023

Spring Series FINAL

The rain stayed away but it was quite cold. The wind was swinging south to south-west but generally was a nice sailing breeze. A course was set using the whole of the pond. A dozen members turned up for the final racing of the club year.

Race 1 had Paul Nunnerley, Dave Larsen and Neil Purcell lead around the first mark but by the start of the dog-leg Reuben Muir had taken the lead and he held this to the finish with Laurie Glover and Neil taking the places.



We weren't using a usual start line and at the start of **race 2** several boats thought a different line was being used so a general recall was required. Reuben soon took the lead with Rick Royden and Tom Clark chasing (above) and the finish was in that order. Neil collided with Mike Renner which held them both up.



Neil took the lead early in **race 3** (above) and he held this through the dog-leg but Tom and Rick were close behind and, as Neil fell back, they took the lead and held to the finish with Laurie third.



The wind was much lighter for the start of **race 4**. Patrick O'Hanlon made the best start (above) and he held the lead right through the race until just before the final mark. At that point Reuben had caught up, went to leeward and squeezed Patrick up until he slowed down and then Reuben rounded first and raced away to another win. Patrick was second, Laurie third.

Brian Christensen got his new set of sails working well in **race 5** as he took the lead through lap 1. By the final mark of the lap Laurie and Tom were just a few lengths behind. In lap 2 they had closed together to be nearly side by side (left) but by the final mark Reuben was amongst them. Tom held on to take the win with Reuben second and Laurie third. Brian fourth.



The final, divisional start, **race 6** had Chris Ward lead around the first mark with Dave Larsen and Daniel Leech a couple of metres back. Dave took the lead through the dog-leg but soon Daniel was in the lead. Into lap 2 Patrick caught up and these three were within a couple of metres. At the top mark Reuben caught up and thru the dog leg was on Daniels transom with Dave behind. A shift brought Tom up alongside Daniel. Reuben took the win with Daniel second, then Tom.

Reuben Muir was top boat today with four race wins and a total of six points. **Tom Clark** was second with two race wins and 12 points. Third was **Laurie Glover** with 17 points.

Spring Series 2023 Results:

1	Reuben Muir	34
2	Rick Royden	38
3	Tom Clark	67

Divisional Series Part 2 Results:

A	Rick Royden	21
B	Tom Clark	23
C	Mike Renner	19

End of Club Year

The 2022-2023 club year is now completed. The cups and trophies should be returned to Mike Renner or myself so that they can be engraved for the new winners.

President's Cup Regatta

The first event in the new club year is the regatta on October 8. The organization of the races is specified in the [Notice of Race](#) on the web site.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

October 1: Fun Day

October 8: President's Cup Regatta

October 15: Lay Day

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