

# Sailing 10 December 2023

## Prize Giving

The prize giving was held soon after 1pm at the first pair of picnic tables at the pond. I had brought along half a dozen folding chairs and the cups and trophies while Mike Renner brought soft drinks. A separate report will be circulated later.

## Summer Series 4

The sun was out and there was a good westerly wind. Fourteen members turned out. It was not as hot as previously so the weed had sunk further down. There was some floating weed which did affect many boats.

Neil Purcell had his DF95 to test it but the sheets came off the drum winch so he sat out the racing.

George Stead was back after being overseas since May but he missed the first because he forgot the hatch and had it brought to him.

Daniel Leech had his rudder servo fail when he tested it before racing and so he went home to replace it and he missed the first two races.

Paul Nunnerley had his electrics fail and he DNFed in two races and then left to work on the boat.



**Race 1** started slow with the wind dying towards the first marks. By keeping towards the path Rick Royden held some wind and soon took the lead chased by Bruce Watson and Reuben Muir. Chris Ward was in the lead through the dog-leg (above). At times these four were clustered together around a mark. At the finish it was Reuben, Rick and Chris.

Tom Clark took the lead in race 2 with Patrick O'Hanlon and Rick chasing. After the dog-leg Tom and Rick were side by side but Tom led around the bottom mark. At the finish Tom had to tack to port to get to the line but Rick was on starboard and they collided. Tom did his penalty turn to come in second. George came third.

As Bruce launched his boat for **Race 3** the transmitter dropped its battery pack into

the pond. He managed to recover it but missed the race. Patrick and Chris Yates got away to a large lead in the first two legs and they stretched this out through to the finish while swapping lead between them. Daniel Leech led the rest for a while but at the finish Rick took third.

The wind went very light going to the first mark in **race 4**. Bruce led the fleet but at the mark Brian Christensen slipped past and was well ahead on the downwind. With the wind patchy and shifty, plus catching



weed, the lead changed many times. Into lap 2 George held a large lead over Dave Larsen (above). By the finish Dave took the win with George second and Chris Yates third.

Brian led around the first couple of marks in **race 5** with George leading a tight group. By the end of lap 1 George was in the lead. He went on the win while Rick and Reuben worked through the fleet to take the places.



Daniel Leech led in **race 6** chased by Brian. By the finish Chris Ward was leading and won with Daniel and Brian placing. Rick had gone to the path to clear weed. When he threw it back in the pond the mast came out of the step (left) and then when he fixed this the jib sheet caught.

**Rick Royden** was top boat with twelve points and one win. **Chris Yates** with 19 points was second. **Reuben Muir** was third with one win and 19 points. Other wins went to **Patrick O'Hanlon, Dave Larsen, George Stead** and **Chris Ward**.

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### Next Week(s):

**December 17: Summer Series 5**

**December 24: Christmas Break**

**December 31: New Year Break**

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