

# Sailing 17 December 2023

## Summer Series 5

It was a hot, sunny day with a westerly wind that swung and varied from a light breeze to a strong



one. A complicated course was set (above) to try to get varying windward legs. This led to a short reaching first leg. There was weed in the pond and many times a boat caught some and lost places until it could be cleared.



**Race 1** had Daniel Leech and Chris Yates take a good sized lead in the third leg (above). Later, in lap 2, Laurie Glover took the lead chased by Reuben Muir and Rick Royden. At the finish Reuben had passed Laurie to take the win.



**Race 2** was a scratch start and with the short first leg many boats arrived at the first mark together (above). Most managed to get around with just a couple of collisions. Chris led away and had a good sized lead going to the top mark with Reuben and Rick Royden chasing. By the end of lap 1 Reuben caught up to Chris. Rick caught a large amount of weed and had problems getting back to the path to clear it and he retired. Chris also caught weed and dropped back. Laurie and George Stead came through and took the places behind Reuben's win.

Daniel and Mike Renner ran away to a large lead in **race 3**. Through the dog-leg Mike got a leg



of Daniel while he was a leg ahead of the next boat (above). These two eventually caught weed and were passed giving the win to Laurie with Rick and Reuben placing.

**Race 4** was another scratch start with a melee at the first mark that Neil Purcell led away from and took a good lead. Initially George led the chase and halfway through lap 1 he was catching Neil and was well ahead of the rest but he caught weed again and dropped back. In lap 2 Reuben and Rick were right on Neil's transom and they passed Neil by the finish pushing him back to third.



Chris Yates took the initial lead in **race 5** but after clearing weed Dave Morgan took the lead on the downwind. Through the dog-leg Chris caught up (above). By the finish Reuben had moved up to take the win with Chris and Neil placing.

In **race 6**, with divisional start, Daniel led around lap 1 with Brian Christensen, Chris, Neil and Mike as a group. At the end of lap 1 Reuben was running down this group and took the lead going to the top mark in lap 2. Neil held on while George caught up and this was the finishing order with Reuben getting his fifth win.

**Reuben Muir** was top boat (again) today with five wins and top score of 5 points. **Rick Royden** was second with 17 points. **Laurie Glover** was third with 18 points and one win.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

### Next Week(s):

**December 24: Christmas Break**

**December 31: New Year Break**

**January 7: Aggregate Match Racing Series 2**

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