

# Sailing 5 November 2023

## Aggregate Match Racing Series - Start

The wind was very light in the morning but picked up over lunch time to be a nice south-westerly.

Mike Renner arrived early with his son-in-law and two grandsons to introduce them to radio yachting. He had two boats so I gave them my 101 so that they had a boat each.

Twelve members turned out for the racing which meant that 24 races were required. The draw was based on the final results of last year. Rick Royden and Neil Purcell were first up.



In the pre-start of the race between Bruce Watson and Brian Christensen Bruce was quite aggressive (left) but did not put a penalty on Brian. Bruce won that race.

When Bruce raced against Mike he caught some weed on his keel and Mike won that.



Chris Yates kept up with Bruce in their race in the third round at the bottom mark (left) but Bruce kept ahead to the finish and took a second win.



In the final round Bruce raced against Rick. In the pre-start they were both being aggressive and resulted in a collision (left) with Rick on starboard tack and Bruce on port tack. Bruce then had to do a penalty turn soon after starting. Bruce won the race.



Rick won three of his races, as did four other members. Here (above) he is leading Laurie Glover on the downwind.



*Bruce leads Rick in their race (above) while they catch up to Mike.*

Paul Nunnerley was over at the start of his race with Tom Clark. He had run along the line on starboard as the countdown ran down but ran out of line just before zero. Tom won that race.

Tom was then over the line in his next race which was against Neil. Neil was leading on the final leg but mistook the finish line, thought he had finished and stopped racing so Tom won.

## Prize Giving - December 3

The clubroom maintenance will not be completed this year so the prize giving will be done outside at the picnic table, as was done a couple of years ago.

## State of the Pond

There is a great deal of weed growing around the edge of the pond. With the SW wind there is an amount of floating scrut in the north end of the pond.

Prior to starting racing a young boy thought that he could walk across the scrut to the path and went completely underwater. His friends pulled him out and I lent him a towel to dry off as well he could.

As we were packing up a very young girl did the same thing. Her father was close at hand and pulled her out. I lent him the towel.

I have sent details to the council and recommended that a barrier be erected to prevent children and dogs walking into the pond.

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

### Next Week(s):

**November 12: Summer Series START**

**November 19: Summer Series 2**

**November 26: Summer Series 3**

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