

# Sailing 19 November 2023

## Spring Series 2

The morning gave us rain and wind. At the pond it was still overcast but the wind had moderated to a nice north-easterly. As we raced the sky cleared and it ended as a nice sunny afternoon. After the rain overnight the water was up over the path. There was still weed around the edge of the pond but, because it was cooler and the water was fresher, it had dropped deeper.

A short course was set by Reuben Muir using just four buoys but it was set to be three laps. The start/finish was uncommon to give a longer first leg to the north-easterly.



**Race 1** had some members not use the specified start line so a general recall was given. On restarting three boats collided when rounding the first mark, and Reuben Muir was given a penalty, letting Daniel Leech get away to a good lead. In lap 2 Laurie Glover and Reuben caught and passed Daniel. Going to the top mark in lap 3 Reuben caught Laurie and they were side by side. On the final leg Laurie pulled away to take the win (above) with Tom Clark getting third.



**Race 2** had Reuben take the lead and round the second mark before Tom was around the first (above). By those marks in lap 2 Tom had taken the lead and these two were well ahead of the rest. Tom had a small lead at the final mark but Reuben pointed higher and when they tacked Reuben was ahead. Tom managed to sail through Reuben's lee to take the win by a length. Rick Royden third.

I suggested that Mike Renner loosen his jib halyard to give more draft. He led at the first mark in **race 3**. Laurie had taken over the lead before the end of lap 1 while Rick and Reuben collided and briefly locked together. At the top marks in lap 2 the wind was very light and it was Daniel that took the lead and he rushed away on



a gust. Daniel held the lead in lap 2 but Reuben was catching (above). On the final leg Daniel managed to cross ahead but Reuben took the win with Mike taking third.

Mike led for most of lap 1 in **race 4**. At the top end in lap 2 the wind had died and Reuben caught weed. When he went to the path to clear this he collected other boats but they soon escaped. Laurie and Reuben, now weed free, rushed away to the lead. On the final leg Laurie had a several metre lead and won with Reuben and Daniel placing.



Mike and Tom led in **race 5** but at the end of lap 1 Reuben and Laurie were not far behind (above). Tom took the lead but going back to the top mark Reuben came alongside to windward then led away to take the win, Laurie third.



Mike led again around the first lap of **race 6** with Tom and Daniel close together (left) In the final lap Mike lost out and the finish was: Tom, Daniel, Rick.

**Reuben Muir** was top boat after two wins and three seconds totalling eight points. **Tom Clark** was next with two wins and a total of 12. **Laurie Glover** was third with two wins and a total of 13.

## Cleaning the pond

It has been suggested that next week, on **26 November**, between the Electron racing and us starting to race (**12:30 to 14:00**) there be a combined 'working bee' to clear the weed .

**Richard Plinston, President NZRYS**

### Next Week(s):

**November 26: Summer Series 3 - working bee**

**December 3: Prize Giving - 1pm**

**December 10: Summer Series 4**

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