

# Sailing 26 November 2023

## Spring Series 3

It was a nice sunny day but the wind was very shifty with strong gusts which occasionally caused broaching and diving (below).



A course was set with a dog leg. With the strong wind it proved to be too short in the first race so it was set for three laps but back to two laps for the final race.

There were many breakdowns and boat failures. Chris Yates's boat still has a failed rudder servo so he refereed and did the starting and finishing. Rick Royden had battery problems. He swapped them after race 2 then retired in race 4 and suspects that the sail arm is hitting a post and this is causing very high power drain. He pulled out of race 5 and also had the transmitter rudder spring break which made it difficult to keep the boat straight.

Dave Larsen had his mainsheet break in race 4 so he could only get the jib to return to the path.

In race 5 Laurie Glover had the alarms sound on his transmitter so he retired from racing.

Daniel Leech had his rudder servo fail in race 4.



Neil Purcell had the jib boom tiedown fail in race 6 and the mast jumped out of the step but it could sail to the path for recovery (left).

Starting with ten members in the first race only six started in the last race and five finished.

Mike Renner took a good sized lead in **race 1** but at the end of lap 1 Rick and Reuben Muir caught him as these three went through the line into lap 2 together. At the finish Reuben won with Rick and Mike placing.

Rick and Bruce Watson led at the first mark in **race 2** but at mark 2 Reuben and Mike had passed them. Reuben went on the win the race, Bruce retired and Tom Clark passed Rick to be second.

**Race 3** was led by Bruce, Daniel and Dave. Reuben and Rick collided just behind these. Daniel occasionally took the lead. By lap 3 Reuben was well behind the other four who had closed up to within a length. Bruce won, Rick second, Daniel third.

**Race 4** had Reuben, Dave and Bruce leading at mark 1. With a fast downwind Tom took the lead and Neil was close behind Reuben. On the final leg Tom and Reuben were crossing tacks but it was Reuben having another win with Bruce third.

Tom and Reuben fought out the lead again in **race 5**, the results were the same as race 4.

With time getting short the **final race** was back to two laps. Mike took an initial large lead but a broach on the downwind allowed Tom to catch up to him. By the finish Reuben had moved up to pass Mike. Tom was able to prevent Reuben getting a perfect score of five by taking the win.

**Reuben Muir** was top boat today with four wins and a second giving six points. **Tom Clark** and **Bruce Watson** both had one win and 16 points.

## Cleaning the Pond

Ten members turned out early to rake weed out of the pond before we started racing. We may need to do this on a continuing basis. The buoys also need cleaning. We pulled three buoys out using a grapnel; one lost its weight, two were cleaned the mussels off and redeployed which had them floating much higher.

## Prize Giving - Next Week 1PM

Next week we will have the prize giving outside at the usual picnic table. We will start at 1pm. Bring a folding chair or stool.

## Membership Fees

Discounted fees have been extended so that the annual fee is \$20 this week until next Sunday at the prize giving.

Bank account; 11-5373-0654026-11

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## Next Week(s):

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

*December 10: Summer Series 4*

*December 17: Summer Series 5*

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