

Sailing 8 October 2023

President' Cup Regatta.

The forecast was for heavy showers and thunderstorms. There were a couple of really dark clouds with thunder at some distance but they missed us. Some of the time the sun came out making it nice and warm. The wind was varying from west to south and was mostly a nice sailing breeze.

Some weed was growing around the path which affected some boats.

Eight members eventually turned up and a draw was done to divide these into three groups for the racing, so nine races were required. A reasonably simple course was set so that each race would take 12 to 15 minutes. We completed the regatta in good time at 4pm.

In the first race Rick Royden had more problems with his rudder and withdrew. Paul Nunnerley caught weed and fell back too far so he also withdrew leaving just three finishers.



At the start of the third race Daniel leech heeled over as he caught the wind but Mike Renner did not (above) and the masts caught together for a short time which delayed them. Brian Christensen led around the course and took the win. Mike recovered from his entanglement to move to be second. Daniel was leading Bruce Watson to the finish line but he tacked to port and slowed down enough for Bruce to catch up on starboard and give him a penalty.



Even with just 5 or 6 boats in a race they could crowd together as here in race 6 (above).



later in race 6 the leading three boats, led by Brian, were still just a length or two apart (above).



The boats also were close in race 7 (above), though in this race Rick raced away to a large lead to take the win while the other four were bunched up at the finish line and swapping places within a few metres of it.

Race wins went to **Rick Royden** with 3, **Bruce Watson**: 2, **Brian Christensen**: 2, **Daniel Leech**: 1 and **Dave Larsen**: 1.

Results of the President's Cup Regatta

1st	Rick Royden	8
2nd	Bruce Watson	11
3rd	Daniel Leech	12



Daniel, Rick, Bruce

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

October 15: Lay Day - Fun Day

October 22: Labour Day Weekend - Fun Day

October 29: Fun Day

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