

Sailing January 3 2010

The pond was mostly clean in the sailing area but new weed is growing around the edges. The old weed has probably been 'burnt off' now with all that can gassify now having floated off. The SG is up to 1.024 which is as high as it has ever been measured. The fountains are working and keeping the O2 level up.

With the wind westerly there was no course available for the final Match Race Cup.

8 members sailed some scratch races. It was a jackpot with all putting in a dollar and a draw would decide which place took the pot.

Terry's boat failed with servo problems and he also lost his rear hatch. He sailed my 01 until I broke the mast on 100 and then had to take the club boat.

Bruce had the best race score of the day, Geoff was 2nd and Peter was 3rd.

Terry's Ruth took the scores and held the pot. She also drew the number 7 which was the final position of Terry so he took the winnings.

Sailing January 10 2010

Aggregate Match Race Series 2

When we arrived there was no wind at all. The odd fitfull gust was in any direction as the sea breeze alternated with a land breeze. But it did pick up enough to set a course and start match racing.

Round 1 of the series had been abandoned due to weed so the draw was again done using the final results of last year's series.

This put Geoff and I up as the first race. We had delayed starting to let the wind settle down to just one direction and used this as a trial race to confirm the course. I managed to hold Geoff out at the start and took the lead out of the start. Geoff caught around the top mark and we were side by side on the downwind and I could push Geoff away from the next mark, then turn and lead to it clear ahead. This worked well except I clipped the mark with my boom. I led the rest of race but not enough to complete the penalty.

We could start races to get up to three on the course at one time so that we could get through 22 races before 4pm. For the second round the downwind mark was shifted to give a better windward leg.

Results

Bruce won all 4 of his races to be top boat.

Geoff McGill, Kevin Whitehead and Paul Taylor each won three races to be second equal.

After the match racing we had a fleet race around the pond. During this the wind died away and as the last of us left the wind was back to be just a few light gusts.



Peter chasing Bruce to the bottom mark

Match Race Cup

Geoff and Bruce sailed some races on Monday 28 Dec and reported that the wind was good and the pond clean. Geoff won 2 races and Bruce 1 so this left the score 4 all in the best of 9 series. The winner of the next race will win the Match Race Cup for 2009.

State of the Pond:

Some weed is growing slowly around the edge. We raked enough out to ensure that boats could be launched and recovered without catching this. Other than that the pond was quite clear with few weed problems.

The old dead weed that had been floating seems to have finally burnt itself out and hopefully has all gone.

The fountains were just burbling ineffectually. The intake seems clear, I did rake weed out from around it, but something is blocked.

Next Week:

Summer Series returns with round 3.

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