

Sailing December 13

Summer Series 1

Once again the weed was annoying. During the week I had received complainst from the Ancient Mariners and had been down at the pond to see for myself. With the wind very light there were mats of weed floating all over.

Sunday morning, still with a light wind the weed was a problem to the Electrons but as the wind started to increase it blew some away to the side.

There was discussion about whether racing would go ahead but a short course was set in an area that looked to be relatively clear. The races were mainly about avoiding catching weed and clearing it fast when it was caught.

Geoff had the best of the day by managing to get his boat to the side quickly when he ran into weed and managed 3 wins, a 2nd and an assessed win for a total of 6.

Kevin Webb had a string of 2nd and 3rd places to total 12 while John had two wins but his placings in the other races gave him a final total of 14. Terry took the win in the final race.



John and Geoff clearing weed from their keels

State of The Pond:

The pond is draining and will be emptied until wednesday. This is to allow the contractor to finish off the new fountain intakes and, hopefully, get the fountains working again.

It is hoped that this may also help get rid of the weed. It had grown during the rains when the water went fresher (to 1.006) and then died as the salt level came back. It was up to 1.020 today after just a week.



New Members:

Allen Reynolds has joined the club after purchasing Trevor Tidman's Seawind sail no. 9 radio freq 29.845.

Web Site Update:

Dredging the Pond:

The Minutes of the **Infrastructure and Environment** meeting have been posted on NSCC web site. A extract is on the NZRYS web site. Basically they have accepted the report (extract on web site) and resolved that the option of dredging to 1.5 metres be approved.

It is recommended that \$56,000 be allocated to continue the investigation and funding for the dredging be put into the 2010/11 Annual Plan.

Clubrooms:

At the Council meeting on the 16th there will be 5 minutes given to the Resident's Association and to the AAFL putting their arguments over the fate of the **clubrooms**. The Resident's Association is requesting support. Their email is on the web site.

Other Notices:

Bruce put out a note that the **'Da Vinci Machine' Exhibition** at 75 Customs St has been extended and now runs to the end of January.

Next Week:

Summer Series round 2.

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