

Sailing 25 April 2010

The Electrons had found little to no wind in the morning but by 2pm there was nice breeze from the North. A long and meandering course was set using all the pond. Eight members turned out for casual sailing plus a new member (see separate section).

The race committee set the day's racing to be for a pool of \$1 each with the winner to be a draw of the overall race position.

The wind shifted slightly to the east so the course was revised after the first race. The races took quite a long time due to the course length and moderate breeze so that we only managed to get through five. Long races have the advantage that it increases the ability to catch up after a mistake. A couple of times I managed to claw back from trailing behind to take a placing.

Geoff was back on form with two wins and two 2nds was top overall score. This signals that he will return to top form in the series racing.

I was sailing 01 and this performed nicely taking a win and a couple of 2nds. James, the new member, with his almost new sails, on his first time sailing the boat improved after sorting the boat in the first couple of races to win one and take a 2nd and a 3rd place for third top overall.

I think that James will be in A division with a zero handicap for series racing.

The draw was of place 5 which was secretary Peter's position so he scooped up the pool.



Neil was sailing yet another new boat that he has added to his collection. This time a Nauticus by Shunbo. This is slightly smaller than the Seawind with a deeper hull and keel. The hull is fibreglass, the keel blade very stiff and longer than a Seawind's, the bulb is larger but the boat weight is the same.

Electron Open Day Regatta

The annual Open Day Electron Regatta was held at Onepoto Lagoon on Saturday 24th and started at 9am. A Marquee had been set up to provide shelter, hopefully only from the Sun, and to house the barbecue and the lunch.

14 competitors raced for the Regatta's Cup. These boats were organized into groups of three or four and each group had a colour for reporting purposes. Two groups at a time sailed the races. Two races were sailed and then a different pair of groups raced until all combinations of the groups had completed their races.

This ensured that all boats sailed against all other boats.

I stayed for an hour or so and photographed the event. A page of these photos is on the web site gallery.

New Member:

James Glidden arrived at the pond with a freshly painted Seawind. It was second hand but almost new, the sails looked unused. James put in his membership application and sailed with us. His boat performed well and he won one of the races, coming in third place overall.



*James Glidden with his unnumbered boat which will wear number 15.
Also see 'Member's Gallery'*

Next Week(s):

May 2: Aggregate match Racing 5
May 9: Mother's Day - Fun Day Sailing
May 16-30: Autumn Series 5 - 7

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