

Sailing 15 August 2010

Spring Series round 1

After the heavy rain earlier, showers had been forecast but these stayed away. The wind was very variable sometimes dying away to almost nothing and other times there were gusts that drove the bows under and rounded the boats up.



Geoff diving 18 on a downwind leg.

Thirteen members were at the pond for the start of the Spring Series including a couple that hadn't been seen for some months. Simon Adamson with 82 and Tom Clarke with a boat assembled from Ryan's "66" hull and Tom's "2" rig. This solves the problem, at least in the short term, that "2"'s hull leaks but refuses to have its keel pulled.

Harry Bowles has the best of the racing with one win and a string of 2nd places. Along with an assessed 1st for his umpiring his total was just 8 to give him the best day score and has him leading the Series results. Well done Harry, a great start to the series when the conditions made it difficult to get consistent results.

Terry O'Neill won two races and had a 2nd place. His other places gave him a total of 16, the 2nd best day score.

John Dowler earned the 3rd top day score of 18 mainly with 3rd places in the races.

Kevin Webb, Bruce Watson and I won one race each.

A good sailing day for starting the new series.



Spring lambs at Shakespeare Regional Park, Wangaparoa last week. Cindy and I walked up to the Lookout and back down through Waterfall Gully.

Quarry Lake

The article in the North Shore Times last week about the rejection by the NSCC to allow Grass Carp in Quarry Lake resulted in some 'Letters to the Editor'. One pointed out the the lake was man made, the result of mining scoria for roading in the first half of the 20th century. As one of the reasons that Iwi objected to the Carp was that there were 'historical and cultural connections' this would seem to be a stretch.

A scan of the letters is available on the web site.

Avoid Collisions:



There were several collisions today. Many times during gusts the boats will dive and roundup uncontrollably making these difficult to avoid by boats close by. On windward legs a gust will heel the boat over further and round it up.

Apart from being taken out of the race there is also a risk of damage when rigs lock together. Neil here has just finished repairing his mast after it was bent at the jointer a couple of weeks ago.

Other News:

John has repainted his boat. He was over zealous in sanding at the bow and went right through the plastic without realising. When he started sailing the boat nearly sank until repaired with used chewing gum donated by Geoff.



Next Week:

August 22: Spring Series round 2.

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