

Sailing 22 August 2010

Spring Series round 2

The wind was south to south-west but very variable. The anemometer showed speeds from 3 to 17 knots. The same course as last week was used with a couple of minor adjustments to avoid potential problems with the stronger winds.

Terry O'Neil had the best of the racing with 3 race wins including one in a scratch race. With a top total score for today of 13 added to his score last week of 16 has him leading the series.

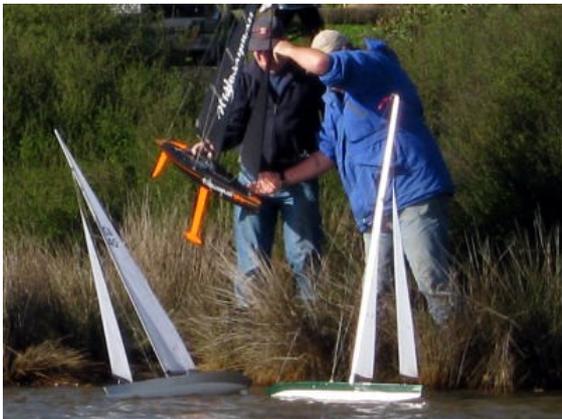
Geoff McGill had the 2nd best day score of 16 without managing a win. This takes him to 2nd place in the series.

Neil Purcell had a couple of 2nd places and a 3rd to get the 3rd best day score of 19.

Harry won the first race and managed to score well enough to hang onto 3rd place in the series.

The remaining race wins went to Peter Andrews and Bruce Watson.

Geoff Atkinson had some problems in the early races with his aerial in the boat. At the far mark he would lose contact for a short time, enough to lose some places. He managed to overcome this by twisting some wires together for the remaining races.



*Avoid collisions part 2.
Harry and the two Geoffs become DNFs.*

Divisional Series

In A Division Geoff McGill leads by a good margin ahead of Bruce, Kevin and I.

Harry Bowles leads B Division with Ivan close behind and Neil Purcell in 3rd.

C Division has Terry taking the lead from Gary Irwin after they were equal first last week.

Keel Removal - from Garrick Rocard

I have had success in removing the keel from my boat, it took a while, using a plastic tube which I heated and stretched over the thread on the keel bolt, in fact it actually cut its own thread which was useful I found that by adjusting the plastic tube on the thread (unscrewing or screwing up tighter) it allowed the penetrant to flow at a suitable rate.

I filled the tube with penetrating oil which slowly migrated down the thread and into the tube.

This process was continued for approximately two weeks or maybe more, each time I went past I made sure that the tube was full.



Then using your method with the workmate and clamps I finally got the keel to move, finishing the final drive with a small hammer and brass pin punch.

Thought that this could be of use to other members.

There is a fair amount of remedial work required on the boat plus painting and I hope to have this all done very soon.

Regards, Garrick

New Member

You may have noticed Ian Clark around the pond on previous race days. He has now purchased Geoff's original Seawind and has joined the club.

The number on the sail was 18 so he will need to have this renumbered.



Next Week:

August 29: Spring Series round 3.

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