

Sailing 29 August 2010

Spring Series round 3

The weather forecast was for showers and so it was. The Electrons had stopped early because of the squall showers and at 1pm a very heavy shower came through, but it only lasted a few minutes.

Eleven boats turned up for the racing. Peter Andrew's 21 had obviously been stored away too long and it refused to behave properly. Peter tried to take the Club Boat but I couldn't get the battery to connect reliably and eventually found that a wire broke on the receiver battery connection. The boat was put away and I brought out 01 for him to sail. This hadn't been used for some time but I had kept the batteries charged and had brought it to the pond in my triple rack and it did quite well.

Later, in race 3, Terry's rudder servo failed and he took 100 while I refereed race 4 and 30 when Kevin did race 5 (see photo, right).

The first race started with light westerly but soon the skies darkened, thunder was heard some distance off then the rain came. Heavy rain with strong gusts had 100 flying along while others were overpowered. Bruce had been well ahead and won the race but I did catch up to him.

After that race there were some dustings of showers and the wind varied from almost nothing to moderate gusts.

Six different boats won the races. Neil took the second race, Geoff McGill the third, Gary Irwin the fourth, John Dowler the fifth and Ivan, after sail servo problem dogged his first half of the day, won the last race.

Ivan's problem was that initially the servo did not pull the sails completely in giving him a very wide tacking angle. He adjusted the sheets to cater for this, then the servo seemed to revert and the booms were pulled to the centre line.

Overall for the day's scores Bruce led with a total of 15. I was one point behind on 16 with places 2nd to 4ths. Just one more point behind me were Geoff McGill and Kevin Webb on 17.

In the series total scores with one worst score discarded Terry still leads followed by Bruce and Geoff.

It was enjoyable sailing and I had a couple of good races with just the rain detracting a little from it being a great day.

Duckworks Magazine:

Mark Steele, who sails at Onepoto with the Ancient Mariners on thursday mornings, writes a column in the Duckworks Magazine. This month his column, '[Where the Wind Blows](#)', contains an item on Seawinds at Onepoto.

Avoid Collisions part 3



Neil and Terry (sailing 30) recover their boats after entangling their masts. There is a risk of mast bending or breakage and Neil has only recently had to rejoin his.



Getting busy at the top mark.

The races were started with a reach to the white-black-stripe buoy then a windward up to the west.

Next Week:

September 5: Father's Day fun sailing.
September 12: Aggregate Match Race.

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