

Sailing 13 June 2010

Winter Series 1

With south westerly squalls predicted it seemed like a fitting start to the Winter Series.

The wind was actually quite nice, much of the time, but squalls did come through pressing the boats down on the water on windward legs and driving them under downwind. It was a matter of survival and just avoiding collisions during these long gusts, as steering and tacking became marginal.

Geoff McGill took the first race win and also the fifth race by a large margin. With a couple of good placings he totalled 11 points for the best day score.

Kevin Webb won the second race and a couple of 2nd places gave him a total of 12, just 1 behind Geoff.

I, surprisingly, won the third and fourth races. 100 was doing well in the squalls, just laying down and eating it to windward taking the boat from mid-fleet to a good lead in one leg. With a 2nd and a 3rd and a couple of disappointing results I had a score of 16 for 3rd day score.

Neil won the last race. Then we all went home to get away from the cold.

Boat Failure:



John had reglased inside the hull of 11 where the skin had broken away from leading edge of the keel socket. In places the skin broke away completely and the epoxy shows through. This appeared to fix his massive leaking problems.

However, the boat is still leaking heavily from unknown places. It was suggested that the shroud plates may be a problem, and definitely there is leaking through one of the deck fitting holes. Hopefully this can be fixed.

Divisional Series part 1



The three divisional winners were awarded their trophies at the pond. From left: Kevin Webb won the A Division, Terry O'Neil won the C Division and Ivan Fraser took the B Division.

A new Divisional Series will run for the remaining two seasonal series.

Sailing June 6 - Queen's Birthday

Bruce, Geoff and Gary turned out for what was supposed to be a fun day. There was a light shower in progress but the wind was nice. I had my daughter arriving later so I could not stay and sail. Bruce's boat failed to work but the three took turns in sailing a series of pursuit races and enjoyed themselves.

Members:

Our secretary, Perter Andrews, is on the move. He has auctioned his house and is currently moving to an interim address until he finds the ideal new house for his needs.

Trevor Jones has returned to sailing after his replacement knee operation. It took some time on crutches to recover but now he is fully mobile and sailing.

Neil went to Model-X last weekend and bought yet another boat: A Kokomo 1000 which is a super-yacht style 1metre kit. He also bought 'Build Your Own RC Yacht' with plans for the 750mm wood and fibreglass Racing Sparrow.

Next Week(s):

June 20: Winter Series continues.

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