

## Sailing 21 March 2010

### Autumn Series round 2

The Electrons had found the wind to be light and flukey, but by 2pm it had come to be a nice strength and reasonably steady.

The course was set with a close fetch along the long section of the pond and then a windward along the sort leg, a downwind followed by a windward straight back into the downwind boats, a broadreach and then a short leg to the finish.

Fortunately, while a couple of places in the course did present some challenges for the unwary, there were few problems.

Bill Monaghan won the first race, Gerrald had led for a time but was pushed back to 3rd. Gerrald then won the next race and finished the day with a respectable score of 21.

In the third race I started down the line, away from the crowd at the windward end. The wind angle held for me to get to the mark first and get clear around before the rest of the boats tried to get around in one bunch. As they sorted themselves out I increased my lead and was well clear at the finish though John and Kevin were catching.

John Dowler won the fourth race and with his 2nds and 3rds had the top day score 13. This puts him first in the series.

Neil Purcell won the fifth race and had sufficient good placing to be 2nd top day score with 15. Bill Monaghan was 1st in the final race.

Geoff McGill got the 3rd top day score of 18 with 2nds, 4th and 6th placings in the races. Geoff and Neil are 3rd equal in the series with Kevin 2nd.

In the Divisional series A division is led by Kevin Webb with John Dowler 3 points back. In B division Ivan Fraser has caught Paul Taylor and they are equal score. C division is led by Terry O'Neil still.

Richard Plinston.

### Members:



John Chittenden, our latest new member, had problems with his rudder servo. It would flick over to full turn and lock. Here Bill with 7 had escorted him to shore, the wrong shore but at least reachable.

### Other Items:

I always test the boats before I take them to the pond. This time 100's rudder did not work at all. It was stuck in the rudder post and this was pulled out and freed but there was still no movement, the servo was locked solid and could not be turned at all. I replaced the servo but don't know yet why the original had seized.

### Web Site Update:

More pages of the Louis Vuitton Series in Auckland Harbour are in the web site galley.

### Next Week(s):

**March 28: Autumn Series  
OKI 24 Hour Race on Lake Pupuke  
27th-28th March.**

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