

Sailing 2 May 2010

Aggregate Match Racing 5

15 competitors meant there were 30 races to get through. With the first six boats in the draw already at the pond we could start racing 10 minutes early and still finalize the draw at 2pm.

The wind was in the south. During the afternoon it shifted a bit west and then back again leading to a course change and then a return to 5th original. Generally it was a nice breeze but at times it did drop especially around the top mark.



The shadows are getting longer but the sky was blue and the sun was still warm.

No one managed to win all four of their races. David Harley, Peter Andrews, Kevin Webb, Bruce Watson and Ivan Fraser each won 3 of their matches.

Getting up to three races on the course the four rounds were completed before 4pm. A fleet race was won by Geoff.

Overall, count 3 best scores, there are 3 equal for top place: Peter Andrews, Kevin Webb and Bruce Watson. With the series at the halfway point there is still plenty of racing still.



James with 15 leading John.

Shunbo Monsoon 900 Nauticus



Neil sailed his new acquisition last week, a Nauticus.

The Monsoon 900 is made in China by Shunbo and is branded as a Nauticus here. It has a fibreglass hull that seems to be well made. At 900 or so it is shorter than a Seawind and the mast is slightly shorter but the weight is the same with a sailing weight of 3.1 Kg.

The keel blade is longer and the bulb is much longer but finer. With a glass hull likely to be lighter than the ABS Seawind hull the keel bulb is likely heavier.



The hull is noticeably narrower and much deeper. The boat seems to heel under sail more than a Seawind and the narrow hull would explain that.

With the higher freeboard and more fullness in the bow sections it doesn't nose dive downwind. The rudder is significantly larger so it is unlikely to lose control downwind and broach as Seawinds do in high winds.

It comes complete with radio gear and has a drum winch for the sheets. This takes some time to reel in when changing from a run to a windward leg requiring some anticipation to get a clean rounding.

The boat is complete and inexpensive and fits within the NZRYS One Design requirement. We will see if Neil can give it competitive performance.

LOST: An Electron lost a crystal 29.850 at the pond last weekend. If you found one please email me.

Next Week(s):

Tuesday is International Star Wars Day: May the Fourth be with you.

May 9: Mother's Day - Fun Day Sailing

May 16-30: Autumn Series 5 - 7

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