

Sailing 16 May 2010

The wind was shifting a bit between north west and north making it difficult to set a fair windward start line so a reaching start was set by the bridge with a long first leg to the far corner. hopefully to spread the fleet before they round.

15 members made it to the start line. My 100 had developed ruder problems so I took the club boat in the first race. Terry's sail servo was cutting out so I handed the club boat to him for the second race and the rest as I had brought along 01 as a backup boat.

John's boat had developed a significant leak and he had to empty it during each race. Eventually it wound up in the shallows on the far side and was unresponsive. Brian also suffered a failure that left 16 on the far shore requiring an expedition through the jungle to recover it.

Bruce had the best of the day's racing with 2 wins a 2nd and 3rd giving him an assessed win for the race he umpired. During this, race 4, the wind had died away and we were running over time so he shortened it to a single lap. This ensured that we completed all races by 4pm.

I had managed to get the club boat to a 2nd place and then won two races and a 2nd with 01 to be second best day score. Terry got a win and a 3rd with the club boat. Bill won the final race.

Harry was 3rd top day score with a set of 3rd and 4th placings

Overall positions after 5 day's sailing with 2 days dropped has Kevin Webb still leading by a good margin while Bruce's top day score takes him to 2nd place just 1 point ahead of John Dowler in 3rd.



Bruce clears weed from his keel. There was a small amount of new weed plus the odd lump of dead floating weed.

Sailing 9 May 2010 - Mother's Day

Only a half dozen could pull themselves away from their families on this, the 2nd biggest retail event of the year. There was a surprisingly nice north east breeze, most reported that they had no wind at all at home. We sailed a bunch of races for a draw of the dollar pool. I had the best of the racing but the pot went to Bruce as the draw was for 3rd place, and thence to the Rotary Club coffers.

An old Whitbread 60 Club sailor, Steve Kent, was at the pond and he sailed the Club Boat. He sails a Starling with the Ancient Mariners at present, hopefully his trial sail will encourage him to return to Seawinds and join us.

HobbyKing 2.4GHz RC System



The HobbyKing system includes the HK-T4A Mode2 4 channel transmitter and a matching HK-TR6A 6 channel receiver. These use the 2.4GHz spectrum and will seek out an unused frequency allowing many devices to be used without worrying about crystals or clashing with others.



The receiver unit includes a second, remote, receiver connected by a 300mm cable. This is to avoid losing connection should the main one become blinded by some object.

These sets are quite inexpensive when bought from HobbyKing's web site but the freight from Hong Kong does make it rather more. I have brought in 3 sets to spread the freight and this makes the total cost around \$75 (NZ) per set.

As the 2.4MHz systems will remove the need to assign frequencies and find crystals, members are encouraged to move to these units (or Spektrum DX5e). I can bring in more in just a few days should members want a set.

Next Week(s):

May 23: Autumn Series 6

May 30: Autumn Series 7 Final

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