

Sailing 23 May 2010

Autumn Series 6

The wind was near zero at midday. The Electrons had only managed to sail 3 races in the morning but before racing started the wind had picked up to a gentle breeze. It was mostly north east but in patches it switched around.

The course was set with a couple of windward legs and used most of the pond but the instructions were that the refs could choose a single lap race if the wind was such that the time would be too long to get through six races. This option was taken in two races and so we were able to complete all races.

Terry's boat gave problems before racing started and refused to operate. I had a spare transmitter which didn't fix the problem so Terry used 01.

In the fourth race Terry had led from the start. On the final windward leg to the finish James was catching but was well behind. Terry was on starboard tack when the boats going downwind came past and Neil collided with Terry. Before these two separated James had sailed through to be first over the line. I asked Terry to protest under rule 62.

The Race committee formed a protest hearing and made a finding under rule 64.2 that redress was required and that this be done by adjusting the finishing scores to give Terry the win.

James had won 3 of the other races and was 2nd in two others to be top score for the day with just 7 points. He had been put into B Division but has now been given a zero handicap.

Bruce had won the first race, I won one race in 100 and was 2nd highest day score with 16. Kevin Webb was just one point more with a string of 3rds and 4ths.

There is just one more day left in the series. With the best 4 days added Kevin Webb is still leading by a good margin but could be caught by Bruce or John if they have good results in the final day as they have big scores to discard.

Members:

Brett Bakewell-White came to the pond, without his boat, to pick up a HobbyKing set he wanted from me for a 1 metre trimaran that he has built. He brought Jodie and Isabelle as they are doing well after their operations and Isabelle is walking around investigating everything in reach.

I got Brett to umpire the first race so that I could sail it. He could have done them all but it was too cold to stay for long.

Divisional Series:

This year it was decided that there would be two Divisional Series, each covering two Seasonal Series. This would give two sets of awards and to allow revision of the split between divisions.

Servo Failures:

100 has had a couple of servo failures recently. On Mother's Day I sailed 01 around and left 100 on the grass. At the end of the day the sails wouldn't respond, the servo was dead. Pulling it apart showed that it had shorted out on the motor wires from rubbing against an aluminium heat sink. The heat had also carbonized some components on the circuit board.

High-Performance Boats in Browns Bay (and on the web) had the best price for a replacement HiTec HS-765HB of \$93.00, and was just down the road for me.

Last week the rudder servo was flicking over and sticking to one side requiring full helm to keep straight. I already had a spare to replace this.

Next Week(s):

May 30: Autumn Series 7 Final

June 6: Queen's Birthday Fun Day

June 13: Winter Series starts.

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