

Sailing 31 October 2010

There were easterly winds that tumbled over the trees and switched direction across the pond. A dozen or so members sailed a number of races with a couple of these having divisional starts.

Neil's boat had a servo failure so he took to the Club Boat.

Sailing 7 November 2010

More than a dozen members turned out for a fun day sailing. The wind had been too light in the morning for the Electrons so they had scrubbed competitive sailing. They had an inter-club regatta at Westhaven in the afternoon.

By 2pm there was a nice wind for us though it did drop away especially at the top end of the pond.

Neil's boat was still suffering from sail servo problems. He had bought a new HiTec but this failed to work too, though a Futaba from another boat did work. I had brought along my old 01 as a spare and Neil used this, winning the first race with it (just beating my 100).

Brian had some problems and dropped his transmitter into the water so he put his boat away and used the club boat, winning a race with it.



Avoiding Collisions #57

The wind was often very light around the top mark (Green). The boats bunched up and tried to round several wide.

It is often better to drop back and round after a bunch and try to get an inside line rather than go around on the outside with them.



Peter and Tanya Buxton now have a 2nd boat. This was bought from Ian Crooks but was not the boat he sailed with us but was Gordon Stevenson's original XFactor.

AGM Proposals

Allen Reynolds has commented on the proposed schedule:

"Re : proposed race schedule - more is better (but check with my wife!) but the proposed schedule doesn't match the seasons. Only the last race of 'Spring' series is in spring - rest in winter. How about a few 'lay days', at least thru winter, in case of truly bad weather."

Secretary Peter replied:

"As Richard may confirm we want to end the year earlier than at present. The dates for the AGM have been creeping later."

The schedule was adjusted to bring the AGM earlier. The last two years have had the AGMs drift into the last weekend in November while it used to be 3 or 4 weeks earlier.

We have managed to bring it earlier by two weeks this year and the proposed schedule will bring it back to its proper time.

The club year ends in September, the AGM at the end of October allows time for reports to be completed. There needs to be 3 weeks between the end of the racing and the AGM to cater for engraving of the cups and production of the trophies.

With the current program of 7 races days in four series plus the 9 day Aggregate Match series there are 37 race days. With 10 holiday (only 9 in 2011) and family weekends, the AGM and 2 'tba' idle weekends to cater for engraving this totals 50. This doesn't leave much room for laydays.

We could put an Aggregate day in June, add a layday after the end of the Winter series and this would put the Spring Series two weeks later.

Web Site Update:

I have produced the first new gallery page since April. This one is from October 31.

The US-SCOA's Seawind Express Issue 14 is now available at Seawind-rc. Link on website.



Another pair of Pekin Ducks are in the pond. The Pekin/Mallard hybrid seems happy to have some kin.

Next Week(s):

November 14: AGM

November 21: Summer Series 1

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