

Sailing 24 October 2010

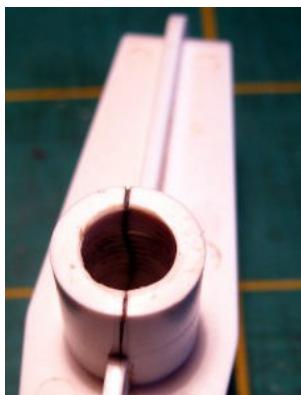
Labour Weekend:

It was a really nice day with warm sun and a good breeze from the northerly quarter. Gary and Terry were tasked with setting a course and we had a number of informal races of various types, including a relay race.



Gary has repainted his boat in lighter colours so that he can identify it more easily and judge better when he rounds marks.

Rudder Shaft Problems:



The rudder shaft on 100 was getting stuck much more frequently. The tube would turn and loosen and then leak. The tube couldn't be tightened, it had stripped the thread.

Pulling the bracket out showed the problem to be that the socket had split.

This reduced the grip on the rudder tube and allowed it to turn wearing away the interior thread.

I cut down each side of the split leaving a gap and then applied epoxy glue and clamped the bracket hard in a vice to close the slot leaving a smaller diameter hole. A cable tie was tightly applied and also glued. When set I drilled out to the required diameter and the rudder tube now firmly screws home again.

Next Week(s):

October 31: tba

November 7: tba

November 14: AGM

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Other News:

Terry and Ruth O'Neil report that they are having trouble with the emailed report:

"Are you sending this using a different system? Over the last few weeks this has gone directly to our junk mail and this time I couldn't change it to Not Junk. Also it wasn't able to be scanned for viruses."

As I don't use Microsoft products, and thus don't need anti-virus scanning, I don't know why this would be. Is anyone else having problems?

Seawind Bought:

Peter Buxton had asked if anyone had a boat for sale:

"As you've probably heard by now I bought Ian's boat. At the time I had a working spare radio, but on looking at it today it's not very healthy... I heard you had some 2.4 gig units available or for sale, can you tell me more about them, or if you have some etc.. "

'Ian' is Ian Crooks who did sail with us with '54'.

Seawind Available:

Paul Goddard also responded to Peter's request for a boat:

"Hope you are well, it's been a long time since we last spoke. I have been focussing on my 1.0m and Marblehead racing so have not had time to race my Seawind for 2 years! and have decided that as I have way to many boats I will sell it. As you know its a quick boat winning both the Autumn and Winter series in 2008. The boat is complete in racing condition with a reinforced keel box with a load of spare parts including masts, booms, sails, servos battery packs and a high tech radio for \$450.00. I seem to remember you had a new member Peter I think who was looking for a boat. my contact details are as follows if you have any one that wants it. "

"I do enjoy the read and to keep track of how its all going so if you can keep me on the email list that would be great thanks.

Cheers, please note my new email address:
paul.goddard@gurit.com

Paul Goddard
Director Marine Asia/Pacific"

Seawind For Sale:

Neil Purcell is putting together a new Seawind kit and will sell his current '6' complete with all radio and batteries for \$400. 'Just add Water'. Contact Neil at work on 444-7777.