

Sailing December 06

Aggregate Match Racing 1

The wind had been very light in the morning, and what there was came from right around the compass. The pond was also up over the path from the rain. The Electrons had given up competitive racing and sailed from the path on the far (south) side.

At lunch time though the wind had picked up to a nice breeze and the sun shone. There was quite a bit of weed drifting about. It had started growing but as I had brought the salt level up (to 1.022) this seemed to have killed it. But dead weed rots and gassifies and thus floats.

We started sailing the match races with the proviso that if a competitor caught weed he could ask for a resail. Some races were restarted several times and eventually it was clear that we were not going to get through four rounds and so it was abandoned.



*A rare moment with boats sailing nicely.
Trevor and Brian.*

A fleet race was held in which everyone caught weed and it was all about getting to the side and clearing.

Web Site Update:

The AGM Agenda, Reports and Minutes are on the web site.

The new fountain intake has been finished, photo in Onepoto section.

The Council Infrastructure and Environment meeting was on 1 December. An extract from the Agenda related to Onepoto (and Chelsea) is on the web site. The Minutes have not been posted yet.

Club Boat Servo Tray:

The sail servo on the Club Boat was noticeably loose so I pulled out the tray to see why. The port side support posts had completely broken away. Metal screws tend to apply an outward pressure and when they rust this increases. This had cracked the top of the posts and eventually the sheeting strain broke away the cracked parts. I had earlier applied a cable tie in the hope of limiting the splitting.



Removing the screws holding the servos required pliers as the heads had rusted and the screwdriver slots were no more. Two of the rudder servo screws sheared off.

I cut away the broken stumps and epoxied on a piece of tufnol to replace them. Instead of using screws I drilled right through with a 3mm bit on all the servo screw points, except where a screw body was lodged, and used plated bolts with spring washers underside. A drop of superglue will hold the nuts in place.



Next Week:

Summer Series starts.

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