

NZRYS President's Report 2010

Newsletters:

There have been around 50 weekly reports distributed this year. There is still a shortage, or indeed nearly a complete lack, of articles sent in by members. Just one 'Upwind' newsletter again this year, just before the AGM and containing notices relevant to the coming year's schedule and activities.

Club Boat:

The Club Boat has been very reliable over the year with just a couple of wiring problems and a repair to the servo tray and the rudder bracket. It has been used by a handful of members with some small success and occasionally wins races. It is in need of a repaint so a volunteer would be useful.

Clubrooms and Toilets:

At the end of last year the Community Board had ruled that the clubrooms should be removed. This was overturned and in the end they were taken over by the council and leased to the AAFL. Many times the AFL games brought players and spectators to fill all the parking spaces.

The new toilet block was completed at the start of 2010. This is a vast improvement over the old block. There was an incident of vandalism which closed the new ones for a couple of weeks but there is much less problems now.

The Weather:

The weather has been good to us over the year. On a number of occasions there was bad weather during the week only to have it clear up for Sunday afternoon and then return to storms. I think that we only lost on race day to weather and that was a complete lack of wind for the first of the Aggregate series. One other series race day was somewhat marginal due to high gusts and only a handful had rain.

State of the Pond:

This time last year we were dragging the pond with chains as the weed clogged up the race track. I still expect that warmer weather will bring some growth but the fountains have been working and this keeps the oxygen level up.

Over winter the water remained quite cloudy from runoff, possibly added to by the fountains stirring up some mud, and this has kept the sunlight from reaching the bottom. Without light the weed will not grow.

There has been no need to flush the ponds for some time now. The leakage at the flap valves lets in sea water every high tide and this raises the pond level up to 100mm twice a day. Over the course of a week the total of this change of water is equivalent to about the volume of the ponds. This keeps the salt level up which helps control the weed growth. The fountains also help by distributing the water from the lower pond, where the estuary water spills in over the weir boards, up into the top of the sailing pond.

Last week (7 November) the SG had returned to 1.018.

There is still no news about dredging the pond. The Council had accepted the principle of doing this and had set up a working group to produce a report by November. With the change to Auckland anything could happen.

Web Site:

I get quite a number of hits from overseas, many result from Google searches though some search strings seem quite unrelated, and many are quite general, such as searching for "radio control".

This year I have added an Electron page for results sent to me by Bunny Nicholson.

Richard Plinston
NZRYS President

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Committee Meetings:

We have had no formal committee meetings this year. Mainly this is because there have been no issues to resolve and no actions that needed to be assigned to committee members. Any decisions were made by consensus in informal meetings and any actions required were done by agreement.

Membership:

This year the membership has held steady at around 30 with 8 new members joining. The series results show that 30 members had sailed on at least one series race day during the year. With good turnouts averaging around a dozen boats, the membership remains active.

Radio Frequencies:

I would like to remind members to keep me informed of changes to contact numbers and particularly to radio frequencies. Members are getting set up with a 2.4GHz system and if there is no requirement to hang on to a MHz system I would like to know to allow a new member to have that frequency allocated.

Pater Andrews
NZRYS Secretary