

## Sailing 19 December 2010

### Summer Series 4

At 1:30pm it was raining hard with a strong and gusty wind, but it started to clear and soon it was sailable with just a light rain. The wind moderated and from after the first race it was damp but warm and there was a nice sailing breeze.

Six members escaped from having to do shopping for Christmas and were at the pond for the racing. They had to be well equipped but



even so Bruce's transmitter became damp and he lost control during the later races. I had the same problem with a transmitter some time ago, if it rained it went haywire no matter how well it was protected from the elements, the only solution was to replace it.

Because of the rain the course board could not be used, the marker ink just floats off the board, so a simple course was set that could be remembered.

Geoff had the best of the racing, winning the first two races and having several 2nd places. This gave him a total day score of 8.

Kevin also won two races. His total score of 11 gave him 2nd best day score and puts him in the series lead. Gary and I won one race each with Gary taking the 3rd place with 15, just one point ahead of me.

In the Divisional Series Kevin leads by 2 points from Geoff and Neil in A while Ivan has a 2 point lead on Gary in B.

It turned out to be good sailing though we got through the races and left early to get dry again.

Two week break but there will be someone at the pond to start races if you can escape.



### Annual Subs are Due:

The subscriptions are due: \$30.00 for the year. Send to NZRYS Secretary, Peter Andrews, 48a Corruna Rd, Milford 0620.

### Club Boat rudder:

Last week the Club Boat was out of action because it had a problem with the rudder. the blade had become loose on the shaft and was turning a few degrees under load leaving it off centre one way or the other.

To fix this I drilled two small holes alongside the shaft fore and aft about 5mm deep and filed through until the shaft was exposed. I filled the holes with thin super glue, rotated the shaft back and forth and then to centre and waited for capillary action to take the glue deeper.

The rudder now feels solid so hopefully this will save having to buy replacement parts.

### A Christmas Piece (Peace):

We sail Seawinds for many reasons. And at many skill levels. But, ultimately, we race.

It ain't the Olympics, only a small, local pond. But the racing is often keen.

So we owe it to ourselves and to other skippers to have a working understanding of the rules. And to behave in a sporting manner.

A couple of good books you could ask Santa for-  
*The Rules in Practice* - Bryan Willis

*Paul Elvstrom Explains The Racing Rules.*  
(The latest 2009-12 rules, of course)

Or ask at your local library.

Both explain the rules - which rules, and how they apply, in different situations.

So, peace, goodwill to all sailors.

My New Year resolution is to improve your sailing experience.

Allen Reynolds, Racing Committee.

### Next Week(s):

**December 26: Xmas break**

**January 2: New Year break**

**January 9: Aggregate Match Race 2**

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