

Sailing 3 April 2011

Aggregate Match Series Round 4

After the last couple of weeks with light wind it was a nice change to have a good breeze for the racing. With it being a northerly we could get a good length course and could keep two races running to get through the 26 races required by the 13 members that turned out.

To get a well aligned start in the middle of the course we had to lay another buoy. It took 3 attempts to get it positioned correctly and then it lost its chain and drifted off. Another buoy was brought out from the spares and this was tossed to the correct spot.



Geoff and Ivan had the best of their racing winning all 4 of their matches.

Gary, Kevin Webb and I each won 3 races. This leaves Kevin still in the overall lead after 4 rounds and counting all days. I am one point behind with Geoff and Gary just one more point back.

John Perkin has overcome his problems with the rudder going overcentre by reducing the servo arm length. He is improving and won two of his races.

Neil had some problems with his CFE boat, the sail servo is twitching meaning that it loses power on the wind. He sailed the club boat and tuned it better to the conditions and won his last two races.

Ian Bergquist related that his boat had suffered twitching in the sail servo. Testing each component did not reveal where the problem lay. Eventually it was tracked to black wire syndrome in the Kyosho wiring which is lightweight copper. It was probably dropping voltage due to high resistance causing the twitching.

After the match racing a fleet race was won by John Dowler who led most of the way. The remaining places were closely fought with several changes. Geoff just held onto 2nd while I stole 3rd from Peter.

Other News:

The **US-SCOA** has recently voted on some changes to their rules. Our Class rules were based on the US ones with some changes.

The issue being voted on was to allow the battery box to be fitted on the starboard side instead of the port side as specified in the plans. This was passed.

We don't make such stringent interpretations and some of our boats seem to have battery boxes on both sides.



Gary Irwin has repainted his boat in Gold with yellow deck.

State of the Pond:



The water was nice and clear due to cooler days allowing the water temperature to drop. When it was up the botulism had killed off at least 15 ducks including the pekin/mallard hybrid which has been at the pond at least 4 years and could not fly. Photo from march 2007.



As I left it had just started raining. Two Ambulances were by the gates and a Police car turned up with lights flashing. Reason not known.

Next Week(s):

April 10: Autumn Series 6

April 17: Autumn Series FINAL

April 24: Easter and ANZAC day.

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