

Sailing 24 April 2011

Easter / Anzac Day

A dozen members turned out for non-competitive sailing. The wind was quite shifty but there was enough of it most of the time, and the forecasted rain held off.

Neil's CFE boat was still giving problems. This time the joint between the main sheet and the jib sheet failed letting this slide away down the line. He took the clun boat.



Brian had his homemade copy that has raised topsides and a large hatch. This has plenty of room inside to work on the innards,

The keel bulb has been shifted back to bring it back into trim. It won't be getting a waiver for competition racing.

It was decided to have a dollar pot and a draw to decide the winner, so race results had to be recorded. The races alternated between scratch and handicap.

Gary Irwin, Bruce Watson and Kevin Webb each had two race wins each. Bruce was top score followed by Kevin and I. But this was not the way the day was won. A draw came out with 6 and it was Gary Irwin that had sixth place score so he took the pot.



Neil features again today. Sailing downwind in the club boat he ran into Kevin who was on starboard working to windward, and thus had right of way.

The result was puncture in the hull of 30. The photo shows an area about 10x8mm with the puncture.



Last weekend the Electrons held their Onepoto Cup Regatta in adverse conditions. This shows the gazebo attempting to escape.

Match Race Cup 2010

The fifth match race between Bruce and Geoff McGill was sailed between the fleet races today.



As the countdown neared zero the two boats were sailing around the far start mark and Geoff only just managed to avoid getting squeezed out yet again and tacked to take the early lead off the line.

With the wind quite shifty up the windward leg Geoff didn't cover closely enough and a lift almost took Bruce to the top mark but it shifted back to allow Geoff to lead narrowly around.



Geoff held the lead on the downwind and kept a cover on the next windward but Bruce was catching and was close around the top mark.



They were side by side on the downwind with Bruce on the inside, but Geoff managed to be clear ahead at the mark.



Bruce caught and it was only at the line the Bruce pulled ahead to win.

Bruce 3 wins, Geoff 2 wins. in best of 9.

Next Week(s):

May 1: Aggregate Match Race 5

May 8: Mother's Day

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