

Sailing 21 August 2011

Spring Series round 3

The sun was shining but the breeze was still cold. It was, however, a much better wind strength than we have had for the last couple of weeks, being mostly moderate in strength. Being west to south-westerly the course could be set to get a couple of good length windward legs though sometimes the windward marks were sheltered which made choosing the approach quite important.

Fifteen members were at the pond for the racing so sometimes there was a bit of congestion at the marks.

Gary Irwin won the first two races and had a couple of second places to get the top score for the day of 12.

Bruce won the third race. With a day score of 17 this gave him second equal with Geoff McGill who had won the fifth race and also totalled 17.



John Dowler took a big lead in the fourth race and increased this all the way. Photo left shows him at the 2nd mark and below two legs ahead of the next

boat. John is 2nd from right rounding the 'magenta' buoy. His total of 18 was just 1 pont shy and gave him 4th.

Neil Purcell won the last race.

Overall in the series with two race days counting and one discard, Geoff McGill takes the lead pushing Gary to 2nd with Kevin Webb 3rd. Only 3 points separate these 3.

This was a much better day than the last two weekends, but it is still cold.

More from Today:



Neil Cullen had some problems with his boat and had to trek through the bush and use the recovery pole to reach it on the far shore.

Daniel Bush's 27 MHz RC system had intermittent problems with it losing control for brief periods. He swapped it to a 2.4GHz Spectrum DX5e system which lost him some time during a race.



On the Spektrum, Hobbyking have a range of Orange brand 2.4 Ghz receivers which are compatible and much cheaper being around \$US13.00 while a Spektrum receiver is \$NZ160.

Northsails Wind Warrior Ragatta

Attached is the notice of race for the Northsails WW regatta. Would be good to see any seawind members come along if they can get their hands on a Wind Warrior for a day. Prize giving will be held about 5.30 at the new Jack Tar Bar in Wynyard Quarter, I also believe there will be a small bar tab put on for the competitors.

Cheers Dan Bush

Next Week(s):

August 28: Spring Series 4

September 4: Father's Day - Fun Day

September 11: Aggregate Match 8

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