

Sailing 6 February 2011

Waitangi Day

17 members were at the pond on a hot Waitangi day. There was only a light and variable breeze but enough to sail. With the wind mostly from the south-west the same course was kept from the Regatta as this was still on the board. The long start line and the separation given by pairs of marks at each turn would be useful with the numbers that were in the race.

There was still a great deal of bunching through the start line. Geoff McGill was barging and caught the start line buoy. Photo next week !!

The photo below shows 15 boats trying to catch Geoff Atkinson and I. Fiddling with the camera distracted me and Geoff got past me and won.

Several members that hadn't been to the pond for many months turned out and it was nice to see their return. Patrick brought along a friend, Neil, with Bill Monaghan's old 42 as a potential member.

A good day's sailing and chatting.

New Members:



Carol and Ian Bergquist with their boats.

State of the Pond:

The SG of the pond is already up to 1.011 from last week's 1.002. This is from the sea water leaking past the flap valves each high tide. This will change the pond water to reduce the nutrient levels and, hopefully, keep the weed from growing.

I checked the weir gates to ensure that they could be opened if the pond needs flushing. We also pulled the table out of the pond and recovered some buoys.

The Wai Care site for recent entries wasn't viewable publicly but has now been cleared.

Other News:

Geoff McGill rang me. He had been putting new sails on his boat and had broken the mast head crane. No spares were available in the hobby shops or from the distributors so I lent him one from the kit that I had not yet started.

From Carol and Ian:

Also we went down to the pond today - lots of weed about and green. John was there so we had a couple of races with him. Two laps but they gave me too big a handicap so called for 3 laps and John won. Second race with 3 laps they still gave me too big a handicap so called for 4 - I said no way and won that race. My boat's sorted now.

Cheers, Carol

From Geoff Atkinson:

Hi Richard

I bought a Traxxas servo on Trademe this week to replace my ailing steering Hitec one but it has come without any servo arms and it does not take Hitec ones, only Futaba evidently. I have a large bag of Hitec ones but no Futaba.

I won't be near a model shop for a few weeks but I thought you may have a spare one sitting in drawer somewhere.

My blue 2nd place award from Sunday is sitting on my shelf proudly next to the other 5 :)

I did not realize that Peter and I were both in the green division and had identical scores including a dropped 3rd place. My hunch on leaving at 4pm sharp last Sunday was probably right as a car had broken down in the 2nd lane on the upward side of the bridge slowing everything to a crawl and my wife was waiting in the driveway on my delayed return. Oops...

Regards, Geoff Atkinson

Next Week(s):

February 13: Summer Series FINAL

February 20: Autumn Series START

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