

## Sailing 27 February 2011

### Autumn Series Round 2

A hot day with a nice sailing breeze brought 18 boats to the pond, the highest number for quite some time.

With the wind generally south westerly it was possible to set a good long windward as the first leg so that the boats would get some separation before rounding a mark. However, this didn't always work out.

With such a large fleet it was difficult for anyone to have consistent results, getting out clear ahead of the bulk of the boats gave an advantage and Gary managed this to be rewarded with two race wins. He also managed a 2nd and 3rd to take the top day score of just 13.

Next was Geoff McGill with one win and a total of 18. Kevin Webb and Neil Purcell had equal 3rd day score of 23.

Race wins went to Bruce Watson, Geoff Atkinson and Tom Clark.

In the series, with just 2 days counting, Harry Bowles hangs on to his lead by 3 points from both Gary and Kevin Webb now equal on 33.

In the divisional series: A has Geoff McGill and Kevin Webb equal top with Neil and I equal 3rd place. B Division is still led by Ivan while Terry takes over 2nd place pushing Gary back into 3rd place. C is still led by Brian.

### 2010 Match Race Cup:

Bruce offered to start sailing the Match Race Cup series that will complete the 2010 race schedule. Geoff McGill declined because he was not as well as hoped having had to clear a wasps' nest in the line of duty. The suit was not as effective as necessary and he had suffered several stings.

### Other News:



*Aaron Fowlds was back sailing with us today with 79 Areva after several years away.*



*John Perkin sailed today but a rigging clip broke and his mast came down.*

Carol wrote to Bob Wallace:

I'm hoping you are still Parks Advisor for Northcote - we have botulism down at Onepoto Lagoon with 3 ducks dead yesterday and one on the mend at Bird Rescue. Could we please have some barley straw in the pond to combat the botulism problem. I may be able to source a bale on Tuesday hopefully but you may have a more reliable source for bigger quantity.

We've not seen affected ducks over the last 2 seasons and this is the first this year - possibly associated with the recent flooding flushing out the salinity.

### Next Week(s):

**March 6: Aggregate Match Series 4**

**March 13: Autumn Series 3**

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