

## Sailing 16 January 2011

### Summer Series Round 5

The wind had been very light in the morning, the Electrons mostly just drifted, but it did pick up enough to have some good racing.

A dozen members turned up for the series racing. Brian had brought his yellow boat, after his blue one failed last week, only to find that too had a problem with the sail servo. He took the Club boat for the racing. I had fixed the aerial problem that gave Ivan some range deficiencies last week so at least that worked.

On 100 the sail servo stopped working after the fourth race but I had brought along 01 so I used that in the last two races.

With the wind between east and north the start was set down by the bridge (see prestart photo below) with the first mark at the far north end giving the longest possible first windward leg. From there a zig zag gave another windward before the long downwind to the bridge buoy. The finish being mid pond.

The shifty conditions, and the wind sometimes dying in places while remaining in others, meant that several places could be gained or lost on a shift.

Peter had the best of the racing with two wins, including the divisional, he took the top score for the day with 11 points. Just one point behind that on 12 was Harry with one win and a couple of 2nd places. One more point back on 13 was Geoff also with one race win.

Kevin Webb and Neil Purcell also had race wins, they both had the same day score of 17 for fourth equal. These two now lead the series overall when counting 3 day scores and dropping 2. Neil on a total of 34 is just one point ahead of Kevin on 35.

In the divisional series Geoff McGill snatches the lead in A division from Kevin by one point. Ivan holds his lead in division B and Brian is well ahead in C.

### Annual Subs are Due:

The subscriptions are due: \$30.00 for the year. Send to NZRYS Secretary, Peter Andrews, 48a Corruna Rd, Milford 0620.

### Anniversary Weekend Regatta:

This has been finalised now and the format is in the attached Regatta notice.

Racing starts at 1pm, entry and briefing is before that, so please be at the pond 12:30pm.

### Other News

I have ordered some more HobbyKing 2.4GHz sets and they should arrive this week. One is presold but there will be a couple of sets available for those wanting to escape from the problem of clashing crystals.

### State of the Pond

The water was very clear today, except at the northern end where it is still black and evil, plus a bit smelly there due to the heat.

It was clear enough to watch the eels grubbing on the bottom and the shags diving for, and catching, small fish. It was clear enough to see that there is no algal weed at all, certainly not for the four or five metres out from the path that was clearly visible.

Keeping the salt content up has helped, it is around 0.022, but also the fountains keep the water oxydized which keeps the weed down.

### Next Week(s):

**January 23: Summer Series**

**January 30: Anniversary Weekend  
Regatta - 1pm start**

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