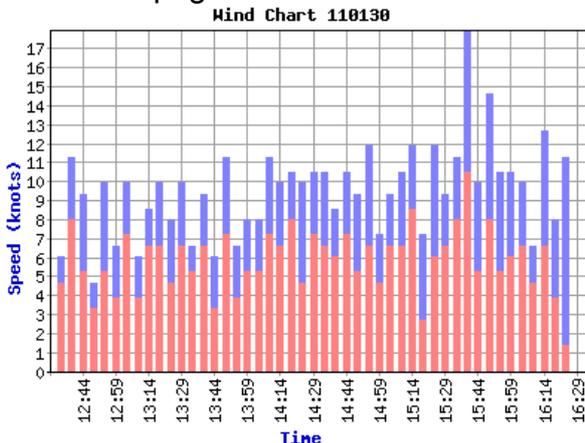


Sailing 30 January 2011

Anniversary Weekend Regatta

Tropical Cyclone Wilma had passed through but the rain had filled the pond. If anything it was higher than last week. Indeed the table we normally used had floated over to the other side of the pond. It shows up in the photo at the bottom of this page.



The wind was from the SW or so, and was of a nice strength, mostly. It did drop off at times, and as can be seen, did gust up occasionally.

The course could be set with the main windward leg along the long axis of the pond with a second short windward.

Fourteen members turned out to race and these were divided into 4 groups: Red, Blue, Yellow, Green by having each draw a coloured counter from a bag. A ribbon on the backstay indicated the group. The groups were just for organizing the races, each member raced individually to get the best score.

The Electrons finished their racing before 1pm so we could start tuning and practicing and get the first race off as soon after 1pm as possible.

With each pairing of groups having two races there would be 12 races in total with each boat racing in six.

While two groups were racing the other two would act as umpires and spectators, and could adjust their boats if necessary.

Anniversary Weekend Cup:



The Club has purchased a Cup to be sailed for annually in the Auckland Anniversary Weekend Regatta. This will be held by the winner of the regatta for the year and there will be a miniature cup for the winner. Second and Third places get backstand trophies.

The Racing:

Bruce had forgotten his hatch. The spare that I carry wouldn't fit so he had to return home to collect his. The first two races were swapped to give Bruce more time to be ready.

Neil had some problems with his servo and took the club boat for some races. Brian also used this when his boat gave steering problems which resulted in a couple of DNFs.



With only six to eight starters in each race it was expected that there would be tidy starts, and mostly there was, but not always, as here.

Generally, though, the racing was well behaved and was always close, often with a group of boats rounding the last mark together.

Seven boats had race wins, with Peter taking 3 of them. Geoff Atkinson had two wins but more 2nd places and these two had the same top score of 8 points. This required a sail off for 1st and 2nd places.

Geoff McGill, also with two wins, had a total of 12 points and took 3rd place. Kevin Webb and Bruce also won two races each and were just 1 point behind Geoff.



The Sail Off:

Peter and Geoff Atkinson had an even start with Geoff easing ahead by half a length on the windward leg. A small right shift lifted Peter and Geoff, the windward boat, allowed a touch which gave him a penalty.

A quick penalty turn left Peter clear ahead and he defended to keep this lead through to the finish.



Peter crosses the line in the sail off.

The Presentation:

Harry presented the trophies to the winners:

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| 1st | Peter Andrews |
| 2nd | Geoff Atkinson |
| 3rd | Geoff McGill |



Peter then expressed the consensus that the Regatta had been a success that was enjoyed by all who attended, and thanked Harry for organizing it.

Families in parks:

The North Shore Council established some community promotions for the parks and reserves in the area. Onepoto hosts the 'Families in Parks' series a few times each summer. These are often held on a Sunday at 3pm and so they may be of interest to sailors to bring along children or grand children as they will be occupied while they sail.

The last Families in Parks was on January 9th and I noticed that Kevin Webb had brought along Yasmeyn and their young children. I asked Yasmeyn to write a report on the event and I have put this on the web site.

There are two more events this summer, on 6th February (next week) and on 27th.

State of the Pond:

Carol did the Wai care measurements again today so that the changes in the pond can be monitored. After the heavy rains the pond is almost fresh water but it is not clear due to the silt. The nutrient levels are up due to runoff from the sports fields and the oxygen levels down. The pH is 6 which is not good.

Members:

Keep those subs coming in.

Carol has now joined as she and Ian now have two boats. They are still sorting out their sail numbers.



Next Week(s):

February 6: Waitangi Day - Fun day
3pm Families in Parks

February 13: Summer Series FINAL
New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron

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