

Sailing 17 July 2011

Winter Series round Final

After a week of storms and squalls the day started clear and bright with a completely blue sky. And no wind. With the sun unencumbered the mid-winter day warmed up and a light breeze started to arrive.

The good weather brought out 16 members for the racing, plus there were many families walking around the pond enjoying the first warm day for some time.

With the light south-westerly wind the extreme ends of the pond had to be avoided due to wind shadow and a suitable course was set with enough different leg angles to ensure that some were windward legs.

Peter won the first race, taking the lead in the last few metres from me after I had led almost all the way. Kevin won the next, and had enough 2nds and 3rds to have a day total of 10 points. But this was not the top score, Bruce won 3 races and had an assessed win for his umpiring to get a total of 8.

Kevin entrenched his series win while I didn't improve today but held onto 2nd place and Bruce pushed Geoff out of the top three by taking 3rd.

Ivan won race 5, leading all the way.

Carol's boat has been pulled apart as the keel is cracked and needs replacement. She sailed the club boat for some races.



Winter Series Results:

- 1st Kevin Webb**
- 2nd Richard Plinston**
- 3rd Bruce Watson**

Congratulations to Kevin and all who sailed in the series making it enjoyable.

Spring series starts in two weeks time.

Correction:

Harry's score line had been lost on last week's Winter series chart. It is now restored.

Around the Pond:



This large, approx 1metre, gas powered launch ran around the pond at high speed for a short time until it ran ashore and was taken away.



Wildlife:

This penguin was found at the pond. It seems that it must have been blown over from the west coast during storms that were in the middle of the week.

The fountains have not been running since last weekend. It is probable that the intakes have been

blocked by the scrub that was floating over the pond surface.

Sail Servos:

Sail servos have been hard to find. The Futaba 3801 was discontinued and the Japanese earthquake has disrupted supplies of the Hi-Tec 765HB. Ian had tried using Jaycar's servo but found that it only had a 90 deg swing, was slow and lost power. He has now obtained a couple of 765HBs from Tasmania.

Hi-Tec have developed a new range of servos that are completely waterproof. They have been demonstrated at the Nuremburg ToyFair running underwater. No price or availability yet.

Next Week(s):

July 24: Lay Fun Day

July 31: Spring Series Start

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