

Sailing 6 March 2011

Aggregate Match Race 3

Two fronts went through in the morning bringing some rain. They have passed through by 2pm but this left a strong gusty south-westerly for the match racing.

Eleven members were at the pond for the racing so 22 races were required. We mainly kept two races on the track so as to get through them but there were some technical problems that caused races to be rescheduled. Jim Clark's boat had not been used for a while and its rudder failed so he used the club boat. My sail servo problems resurfaced even though I had swapped in a different one and tested it, so I went for 01.

For the last round we put 3 races on the track and managed to get through all races by 4pm.



Diving on the downwind in gusts was a problem.



In the final race Geoff was in the lead when he suffered a knockdown on the final downwind. This broke his main clew rope so he had to pull in letting Jim sail past for the win.

Kevin Webb, Kevin Whitehead and Gary Irwin, with new sails fitted, were the top results with 3 wins out of the four races.

The straw caused many problems, but the gusty and changeable wind was also of no help.

A fleet race rounded off the day.

Other News:

Ace Hobby has moved. It used to be in Highbury shopping centre at street level but they moved into the basement there with access only from the rear entrance.

Now it has moved to Ellis Rd, which is off Target Rd in Wairau Valley.

Hobby City on the Auckland side has also moved, to Lunn Avenue. It is behind Toyota.

Members:

Jim Clark has returned to sailing and has rejoined and paid his subs.

Match Race Cup:



Geoff and Bruce were both ready to, finally, start racing the 2010 Match Race Cup series. A race was started with Geoff getting an early lead. Bruce overtook on the downwind. At the windward mark there was a port-starboard incident which caused some discussion. However, the race was abandoned due to weed.

State of the Pond:

Last week the salt level was up with the SG at 1.022. The rain over the last couple of days has brought the SG back down to 1.012 but this should recover quite quickly.

Because of the Botulism the Council put a couple of straw bales in the ponds. It seems that one has gone missing, or perhaps it has completely broken up because straw was all over the pond causing much catching in the keels and rudders.

Next Week(s):

March 13: Autumn Series 3

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