

Sailing 27 March 2011

Autumn Series Round 5



When the wind drops below about 2 knots these little fellows don't get blown away and are a nuisance. Actually there was some wind most of the time, enough to get through the races well enough. And no rain.

The water was nice and clean, though murky, as the previous days had been rather cooler so no scrut around.

11 boats were at the pond for the racing and Tom turned up later after getting over the problems his boat developed since last sailing.



Bruce had the best of the racing. In the first race he followed Kevin Whitehead around the first mark but soon took the lead and increased this all the way around to win by a good margin. He then won the second and fifth races. With an assessed win for umpiring his total was 7 which takes him to the lead in the series counting 3 days with 2 dropped.

Kevin Whitehead had a string of 2nd and 3rd places to give a total of 14 for 2nd day score.

Peter Andrews had one win and his total of 15 was 3rd day score. Harry had one win and his day score was just 1 point behind Peter at 16. This was enough to move Harry into third on the series while Kevin Webb, who wasn't sailing this week or last, still holds 2nd.

Tom Clark won the final race.



The start of the first race.

Mark Steele, of the Ancient Mariners, had complained to the Council over the odour in the pond. He received a response and then wrote:

Thank you Sonia

but for what I am not sure ? All that is required is for the person who has a contract to maintain the pond, to visit the area, get out of his car by the Australian Rugby Football clubhouse, walk ten steps down the paved path leading to the pond and they will smell the stink that exists.

If they then turn their head to the left and look downwards with their eyes they will observe how absolutely vile looking the small area from which the odour comes actually is. It is that simple It does not need bloody reports, all that is needed is a man with a shovel and a fork to investigate what is causing the odour and to clean it out !

Our first step as far as I can see, is to now get the media down there and a few of the mothers with little kids in prams to visit at the same time (hopefully a couple of them who have been complaining of the unhealthy existing area) and we can then provide some excellent publicity for the Council.

If it were election of office bearers time, the matter would be solved very quickly and the Council would make sure that the North Shore Times was down there with a workman and the Council person would be in the picture taken while he or she was pointing in order to claim association and recognition!

Thank you Sonja - aren't your employers just wonderful !, Mark Steele



Neil had sailed too close to the far shore and was stuck a few feet from the shore. Poking with a stick managed to move it far enough to sail off.

Next Week(s):

**April 3: Aggregate Match Race Series
Daylight Saving ends**

April 10: Autumn Series 6

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