

Sailing 8 May 2011

Last Week:

The wind was high last week and was measured with over 20 knot gusts several times. The race



committee had wanted to continue with sailing but racing was cancelled soon after 2pm.

Mother's Day Fun Day:

As a contrast to last week's wind, today there was almost none. We did start some races around a fairly long course. With light winds sometimes dying away we had managed two races by 3pm, both of which I won.

By that time the wind seemed to fade away completely so some went home. We tried some simple two leg races, just a reach to a far buoy and back, and this worked with Neil Purcell winning a couple of them.



Members:

Peter Buxton came off his motorbike a couple of weeks ago and has broken his wrists. He will have to be in four wheeled vehicles for some time and may only

compete in handicap races.

Neil Cullen has joined the club and will be sailing his boat, now numbered 17, in the racing,



Ian Bergquist has painted **Carol's** boat, 99, in Art Deco style green and pink.

It is now named "Yacht Deco".

Ian's boat, 55, is still in dock awaiting a replacement sail servo.



State of the Pond:



Ian and Carol have been refurbishing the buoys. Not only have they been repainting them but also equipping them with new ropes and concrete moorings.

Brighter colours have been used to help those who suffered from having black buoys lost in the shadows. Hopefully this will also help those with red-green colour blindness.

The water remains clean with no weed growth. With the cooler weather the smell is somewhat diminished so overall the pond is in quite good condition.

Council Submissions:

Carol prepared and submitted to the council a request to have the pond dredged with financing in the budgets currently being drawn up.



The written submission is on the web site in the OLCC section. The oral submission was well received by the Kaipatiki Local Board. This will be put on the site soon.

A drilling rig has recently been taking core samples. Hopefully this is preparation for the dredging.

Gary's stand:



Gary Irwin has built himself a new boat stand that also operates as a transport rack, holding the boat securely in his wagon's luggage area.

It has short legs that fold out to support it with it laid down and long legs that fold out, as here, to hold the boat more upright where it can be more easily worked on.

Next Week(s):

May 15: Winter Series Start

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