

Sailing 22 May 2011

Winter Series round 2:

Fifteen boats turned out for the second round of the Winter series. There were showers forecast for the afternoon but none eventuated. The wind was sometimes absent, and other times was a nice sailing breeze.

It was necessary to set the course to avoid areas that were dead spots. There was some backtracking through the fleet but at low speeds it gives time to avoid too many collisions.

Harry Bowles was having difficulty finding anyone to sell him a new sail servo for 'Highwayman' so he was sailing 'Alinghi' again. Neil Purcell's CFE also has servo problems so he borrowed my old 01. John Dowler also had sail servo problems, it was shaking. He sailed the club boat for one race but it gave battery problems and in swapping them a wire broke making it unservicable.

Ian Berquist also had servo problems and pulled out but Carol managed to finish all the races.

Bruce won the first and the fifth races. His day total of 21 gave him 4th for the day.

I won the second race. With a couple of other good placing my total of 13 was top day score and this kept me ahead in the series.

Kevin Webb won the third race. His other scores of 2,3,4,5 gave a total of 15 for second place on the day and in the series.

Harry Bowles also had a day score of 15, equal with Kevin, with a group of 3rd places.

Terry won the fourth race. Neil Cullen won the final race, again, that's two weeks running.

Another nice day's sailing. Richard Plinston.

Other News:

From: Bunny Nicholson of the Electrons.

Hi Richard

Good to see you had a great start to your winter series. We had 6 races for our handicap series before the rain came and cleared the car park for your lot. Our wind was more into the north which gave us good a windward leeward course the full length of the pond.

Website:

There is a new US-SCOA Seawind Express, number 15, available. It has an article on setting up the boat and sailing in light winds. I was also impressed by the size of the racing course at Naples, Florida.



Other Items:

Alan managed to catch the final mark in one race.

In the background there is an unseasonal Pukeko chick.

Found:

Cooler bag marked 'Herald on Sunday.

Photo below: Start of the first race.

Next Week(s):

May 27: Winter Series round 3

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