

Sailing 13 November:

Summer Series start

The wind was very variable at the pond. Sometimes a fairly strong breeze, but then it would die away, especially at the bridge end where it was affected by the tress.

Thirteen members turned out for the start of the new year's sailing. A course was set to use all of the pond, though keeping it away from the bridge may have been an advantage.

In the first race Bruce and Daniel took a big lead over the pack and fought for the lead while they continued to increase the gap to the rest of the fleet. Daniel won this. Kevin Webb had problems with keeping control of his boat and this was attributed to transmitter batteries, a weak signal being lost when the boat went out of a shortened range.

Geoff McGill trounced the next race, persued by Neil Purcell and Daniel. Kevin was back with fresh batteries and won the third race, with Danial and Neil on his heels.

The next two races were won by Neil closely followed by Geoff and Daniel.



Terry and Bruce locked together being retrieved by pole.

In the fifth race Bruce and Terry had collided and locked their masts together so they drifted to the shallows and were recovered using Carol and Ian's pole. This can be a mast breaking event and Terry has just fitted a new one as his old one had snapped just above the jointer due to corrosion.

In the final race Gary Irwin showed the form that had brought him to A division as he won this, persued by Daniel and Neil.

Overall Daniel and Neil both finished with 10 points. Geoff McGill finished with 15 for third.

This was a good days sailing and a good start to the new series.



Gary Irwin winning race 6.

Photograph:

The photo below shows the divisional race being led by Ian (far right) and Carol (centre) as the rest of the fleet converge on the downwind mark.



Club Boat repaint

The club boat was getting rather scruffy recently. It was over four years ago that it was last repainted.

I have now resprayed this in 'Carnival Yellow', which was its original colour and at least means that it is not lost in the clutter around a mark.

Next Week(s):

November 20: Summer Series 2

November 27: Summer Series 2

December 4: Aggregate Match Series

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