

Sailing 12 February 2012:

There was a light shower before we started and it was threatening but the rain held off until after we finished. The breeze rose as the sky darkened and dropped as it passed.

14 members meant 28 races to get through. As the members for draw's first 4 races were already at the pond we could start a quarter hour early to ensure we could get through them. With the wind nor-nor-east the course could use the long axis and this allowed getting up to three races on the course at a time.



The highlight race was between Geoff and Bruce. In the prestart Bruce was pushing Geoff up over the line and contact resulted (above just after).



Geoff turned and hoped to get a penalty back on Bruce but he misread the tacks and got a second penalty.

This sealed the result in Bruce's favour in spite of Geoff catching up some distance in the 2nd lap.

Four members had a clean sweep of their four races: Richard Plinston, John Dowler, Bruce Watson, Ian Bergquist. This left only a dozen race wins for the others to share. Terry had 3 of those with one for Carol and one for first time match racer Daniel Leahy.



Two fleet races afterwards were won by Bruce and Daniel Leahy.

January 5: Waitangi Day weekend.

13 members sailed half-a-dozen races in a good breeze. There was a pot and the draw was for position 6 which was Terry O'Neil's.

State of the Pond:

I had reported to Bob Wallace that the flap gates had seized and that the lock on the weir gates was rusted frozen. Also that the silting at the south end was extreme and has nearly blocked off the flow. I met one of his maintenance managers at the pond to show the problems.

There were also a couple of cars in the handicap space to be reported.

The heat has caused the dead weed in the silt to gassify and rise causing problems for the boats but this is much less worse that it has been in previous years as we have managed to keep weed growth to a minimum.

2011 Match Race Series:

Kevin Web and Bruce tried to make a start on getting through the Match Race Cup final.

They had agreed before hand that weed would stop the race. Kevin made a good start and pulled away to a big lead utilizing the shifts. The weed intervened and the race was cancelled before the end of the first lap.



A strong gust in the prestart of Kevin and Bruce's Match Race Cup race

Autumn Series:

The Autumn Series starts next week and runs through to the final day on 22 April. It is sailed for the Mongoose Cup which is currently held by Harry Bowles.

Next Week(s):

February 19 Autumn Series START
February 26 Autumn Series

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