

## Sailing 19 February 2012:

### Autumn Series Start

Early in the day there was no wind at all. The sun's heat, though, generated some thermal driven 'sea breeze' which came and went. In the afternoon this was generally from the south-west, though sometimes it could drop away for a while and then could come lightly from the east or north-west for a while.

The heat had also brought up the scrub from the bottom and the wind was too light to blow it away effectively. This made some of the pond best avoided: the whole north end and along the path a metre or two wide.



The course set was a figure 8 that should give a couple of windwards.

In the first race I got a good start and took the left side to arrive at the first mark first, just as the wind died. I drifted into the mark and wound up on the wrong side. Trying to get back on port with no way on had a couple of starboard tack boats give me two more penalties, so by the time I did those I was last around and had weed on my keel.

This was typical of the day with boats changing from a good position to nowhere in just a few moves, or vice versa.

With the light and dead winds the first race took nearly 40 minutes to get everyone home. The races were changed to be just a single lap for those remaining in order to get them all sailed.

The last race had 30 minutes available and so this reverted to two laps.

Race wins went to Geoff McGill with 2, Peter Andrews, Gary Irwin, Daniel Leahy and Ian Bergquist.

Geoff had the top score for the day with 12. Peter had 15 and Daniel 16 for 2nd and 3rd.

### State of the Pond:

A month ago the SG of the pond had dropped down to 1.010 due to heavy rain. This seemed to allow a small amount of algae growth as there was some green showing in some of the dead weed coming up from the bottom.

The leakage at the flap valves has now brought this back up to 1.018 which should keep this under control. There are masses of brine shimp around which indicates an adequate oxygen level.

The current problem, with the dead algae in the silt coming to the surface, is not so bad as previous years as there has been much less growth, and thus less dead matter in the silt.



*Christmas 2007*

### Other Items:

Spektrum have a 2 channel marine receiver for their 2.4GHz system that is 'conformally coated' to provide protection against moisture. This, the MR200, is compatible with the DX5e transmitter. The downside is that it costs \$110.00 incl. GST.

### Next Week(s):

**February 26: Autumn Series 2**

**March 4: Aggregate Match Race 4**

**March 11: Autumn Series 3**

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