

Sailing 4 March 2012:

Aggregate Match Series 4

After the gales during the week the wind was surprising gentle and the sun was warm. The pond condition wasn't too bad, only small amounts of scrub and weed.

The wind was southerly to south west giving good use of the long axis of the pond. The course kept away from the extreme ends as there was some wind shadow there.



First up was Geoff versus Gary. Geoff was quite aggressive and gave Gary a penalty with this port - starboard.

In my race against Neil Purcell, he was slow in making for the start area and I dipped behind the line and then on starboard went out and touched him for a penalty. Then I turned onto port to leeward and held him out for the count of 40 to get a 2nd penalty on him.

Six members had 3 race wins. Terry had the worst luck as he could have taken 4 race wins. When racing Gary he led approaching the last mark. A gust hit when he was just a couple of lengths away from the mark and he rounded up and was too close to the mark to be able to recover and had to circle back. Then the wind died and he drifted onto the mark while Gary sailed away to take the win.



A couple of fleet races afterwards were won by Neil and Geoff. A good day's sailing.

Next Week(s):

March 11: Autumn Series 3

March 18: Autumn Series 4

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Match Race Cup 2011

Kevin and Bruce had another race today.

Kevin had the best of the start by a couple of lengths but they remained close all the way around the course, being side by side and swapping lead.

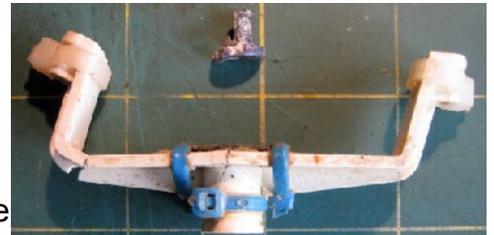
Bruce managed to get an inside overlap and was first around the last mark. On the slog to the finish Kevin was catching. He tacked to starboard and Bruce failed to respond soon enough and the collision locked them together briefly before Kevin took his 3rd win of the series. Score now Kevin 3, Bruce 0.



Club Boat Repairs:

The rudder on the club boat has been a slack fit in the rudder tube for some time. At least it didn't seize up. But now it had gone too far so I pulled it apart.

Previously I had repaired some cracks and reinforced them with cable ties and epoxy.



In trying to remove the tube a few weeks ago the head had split and it would not come out.

Now the aluminium rudder tube had all but disappeared from corrosion and the bracket had broken on one corner.

I built a new Y shaped bracket from a single piece of plastic with a 'tit' that dropped into the hole in the hull and drilled a 4mm hole to take the rudder shaft so it now runs in plastic.

Then yesterday I got a note from Brett Bakewell-White who is readying his boat to return to racing and discovered that his rudder bracket was also broken. Peter offered him a replacement so he came to the pond to collect it with his family, now including a second girl, 5 month old Anna.

Sail Servos:

Peter Andrews has some some sail servos available. These are the Hitec model HS765-HB. Member's price \$60 each.