

Sailing 4 August 2013

Aggregate Series Round 8:

There was almost no wind at midday, but it slowly came in and swung from south to east. With 14 members there were 28 races to run so it would be necessary to three races on the course most of the time.



With little wind the weed on the surface was not blown away and sat around in bunches to catch keels and rudders. Kevin Webb was severely affected in his first race. Later, as the wind increased it was cleared away.



There is an additional hazard in the pond, this pair of swans at the top mark.



Terry O'Neil earned a penalty on this start with Daniel Leahy (left).



Later he was pushed over the start by Peter Andrews and tacked to circle back around the mark. Peter was then squeezed the wrong side of the start mark in his race with John McCaulay. Here he has managed to tack back before he missed the mark entirely.



Jim Keogh is sailing my old 01 in the background.

I managed to win four races while John McCaulay, Geoff McGill and Bruce Watson won three of their races. Kevin Webb still holds the series lead with just one race day left to sail.

Seawind back in Production

Kyosho has announced a new model of the Seawind is available now in Japan. It is fully assembled and painted. PDF is on the web site.

We are still trying to find out if kitsets are also being produced.

Kaipatiki Local Board

Carol has received notification from the council of the result of her submission to the Annual Plan 2013/14. I will add it to the web site.

Issue Raised: Support for the de-silting of Onepoto Pond.

Action Taken: This project has been prioritised and is now funded through regional budgets and will be delivered with the next financial year 2013/14.

The budget year is July to June. The de-silting is planned for February-March.

Lake Kensington



I was in Orewa yesterday so I went to see 'Lake Kensington' to see if it might be suitable as an alternative for when dredging closes Onepoto.

This is a stormwater pond at the north end of Orewa in a new development. It has been developed for sailing but has apartments along one side, Puriri trees at one end and Eve's Bush at the other. This gives poor sailing winds. It is also rather small for a dozen or more to race.

I talked to those sailing and they have a club with 20 members, including some Seawinds.

Next Week(s):

August 11: Spring Series 2

August 18: Spring Series 3

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