

Sailing 3 February 2013

Regatta Sail Off

Last week I had miscounted Neil Purcell's score and the results showed that he had equal points with Geoff McGill for 2nd place. This required a sail off and so it was done today.



The boats were even off the line, but Geoff caught a lift and stepped away to take the win.



Final Results:

1st Gary Irwin
2nd Geoff McGill
3rd: Neil Purcell

Neil was presented the 3rd place trophy by commodore Kevin Webb.

Aggregate Match Series 3

Fourteen members at the pond meant 28 races to be completed. With a North East wind the course had to use the short leg of the pond, but was sufficiently northerly to get a reasonably long course to the yellow in the lee of a tree.

First up was Kevin Webb and I. I managed a good start and we were quite equal in speed but I took a lift and opened up a small lead which I held until the final downwind when the top mark left me in a lull. I managed to get the inside overlap for the final mark but tacked too soon and when I came back on starboard Kevin scraped past ahead and took the win by half a boat length.

Kevin won all 4 of his races, and this puts him top of the scores with 3 race days counted. Geoff McGill also won all four races.

There were a few incidents. In the prestart I collided with Bruce and hooked my jib sheet somewhere and the two boats went to the far side. We had a restart with me carrying a penalty.



I seldom have photos of my boat winning a race as I am usually otherwise occupied at the time and too busy to take out the camera. Kevin took this one.

Spektrum DX5e Aerial

The DX5e 2.4GHz transmitter has a short folding aerial. This is hinged with 2 small pins, one each side, which are not well locked in, they tend to fall out.

Ivan had lost the top of his aerial and had replaced it, but the pins came loose on the new one so he replaced them with a brass split pin. After this he was having problems with range. It appears there is some problems with transmitter power when metal, is so close to the aerial wire. After he removed the pin and taped the aerial the problem disappeared.



Ivan also came up with an alternative design for the aerial top piece which avoids the use of any metal and thus will avoid the problems that have beset him for several weeks. They come in boxes of 100.

State of the Pond - Life of the Pond

The Weirs gates are discussed in a separate document. While removing the old boards this golden eel appeared and dug into some soft silt.



While I was feeling for leaks at the bottom of the boards I felt a nibble - twice. Later I saw an eel hiding at that place.

Next Week(s):

February 10: Waitangi Day - Fun day

February 17: Autumn Series Start

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