

Sailing 17 February 2013

Autumn Series start

The wind was light and shifty from somewhere between south and west. This made picking the shifts the most important part of racing. There was some weed about, of the black ribbon type, but less than last week.

In the first race Geoff McGill and Dan Leahy make a break and fought for the lead all the way around untroubled by the rest of the fleet trailing behind. Geoff took the win.

In race 2 Allen Reynolds stepped out with a good lead (see below where he has ample time to clear weed). Peter Andrews managed a get good shift and passed Allen to take the win with Allen 2nd.

As the Race 3 start counted down to zero my boat lost control. I abandonned it to go to the mud and picked up the club boat to start very late. The boat sailed well in the conditions and I worked through the fleet side by side with Geoff McGill who had also been at the back and I took the win with Geoff just behind me.

Ian Berquist won race 4, taking the lead soon after the start and holding onto it.

John McCaulay took a big lead in race 5 and was unchallenged as Geoff and I fought for the places.

In the divisional race the club boat again performed well and worked through the fleet to take the win with Kevin Webb catching up on the last downwind.

With a couple of wins and a couple of thirds I was top score with 16. Just one point behind were three boats: Geoff McGill, Ian Berquist and Kevin Webb.



Other Items:

This little 'drink bottle' boat was sailed around quite effectively after we had finished racing. It is radio controlled and must have tiny servos.

Available on the interwebs apparently.



Onepoto Ponds - Annual Plan

Dear Richard

I have just returned from a meeting with the Kaipatiki Local Board. The Board is seeking additional funding from ACC for \$800,000 to dredge the ponds in the Opepoto Domain and require community support in the form of submissions to back up their request - the more the better. If they get the funding the dredging would proceed in the coming spring.

Submissions must be received by 4pm Monday 25th Feb and can be made on line (go to the ACC Annual Plan website) and can be made by individuals or organisations.

One of the Board members suggested that both the organisation and as many as possible of members and any other interested persons make individual submissions. A petition setting out necessary detail and signed with addresses would also assist.

Submissions do not necessarily be on the PDF as long as the submitters details are completed (as set out on the form) - no need to answer other questions.

The relevant facts are -

The ponds were last desilted over 20 years ago.

The disgusting current state.

Fountains no longer operating and ponds will now deteriorate rapidly.

And any other facts you consider.

I do not have contacts of the other model yacht clubs - it would be appreciated if you would contact them with this request.

John Overall, Onepoto Resident's Association

The petition was circulated today and most members at the pond signed it.

The pond is as salty as I have ever seen it: 1.026. With no rain and refilling it has brought this up.

Next Week(s):

February 24: Autumn Series 2

February 31: Autumn Series 3

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