

Sailing 24 February 2013

Autumn Series 2

At midday there was almost no wind at all but it did fill in from the North and gave a good sailing breeze. There was some weed about, of the thin band type, but it didn't interfere too much.

The pond level was low, see other column, so the race course was set to keep away from the shallow areas. After the first race there was course change to give a 2nd windward leg.

There were 6 race winners this week, Geoff McGill won race 1. Ian Bergquest took race 2 with Allen Reynolds close behind. Bruce Watson took the win in race 3 away from Geoff. Allen was first in race 4 a way ahead of the rest of the fleet led by John McCaulay. Kevin Webb took race 5, again with John 2nd.

Ivan Fraser won the divisional race by a large margin, with Neil Purcell taking the lead of the rest of the fleet.

Gary Irwin's boat failed in race 2 so he took the club boat for the remainder of the races. In race 5 I broke my transmitter aerial while I was up to 2nd place chasing Geoff. It seemed that it may be OK while the boat was close to the pavement, but as soon as I sailed away it went out of control. I used my old 01 in the race 6. Kevin Webb ran out of batteries in the last race and had to recover it from the mud.

The top day scores, of 12, were shared by John McCaulay with a number of 2nd and 3rd places, and Geoff McGill. Kevin Webb had a total of 17 for 3rd.

Geoff takes the lead in the series, but there is still a way to go yet.

In the divisional A series, last week Geoff and I had equal top score, but he has now taken a 1 point lead. In B division Terry still holds the lead in spite of not sailing today, with Ian just one point behind.

State of the Pond:

The pond was well down today, about 80mm below the weir gate top. So Ian and I checked the weir gates and found that the sill was falling apart and there was a large leak. We went off to get some materials and put a plywood panel down the pond side of the weir gates with a sand bag to hold it in place.



This patch slowed the leak and the pond should now refill each high tide. There is, however, another leak into the side of the weir gate well. This is not particularly strong and should not affect the levels.

Carol has sent in the Club's submission to the council and this is available on the web site. It will be spoken to at the next Kaipatiki Borad meeting on 27th Feb.



Allen's 09 crossing tacks with Carol's 99

Next Week(s):

March 3: Aggregate Series 4

March 10: Autumn Series 3

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