

Sailing 6 January 2013

Aggregate Match Race 2

There was a good turnout of 14 members for the match racing. The wind was a nice strength and reasonably stable from the south-west. There



was a bit of weed around, the black strap type, but it seem to be equal to all competitors.

With 28 races to get through we could start a bit early, as soon as the first competitors of the draw were at the pond and ready.

An extra buoy was laid for the start line. Well, it was tossed into the pond from the path. At the end of the day the club tug was used to recover it by towing out a line around it.



In the first round it was Bruce Watso and Ivan Fraser who had the closest race. There were several close crosses and lead swaps. Penalties were equalised and wiped. Eventually Bruce managed to take a lead and took the win.

In the race between Carol and Ian Bergquist, Carol had a good start. Ian took the lead around the downwind mark but Carol worked the shifts better and won the race.

In my race against Geoff McGill he was held up getting into the box and I had entered on starboard and was able to get to the other buoy and go outside still on stbd tack to prevent him entering. He tried to squeeze between me and the buoy on port, touched me and was given a penalty.

Kevin Webb and Daniel Bush both won all their races to be top scoring for today. Overall I still just hold the lead equall now with Kevin.



A fleet race afterwards, John McCaulay leads.

During The Break and Other Matters:

We hadn't seen Geoff Atkinson for some time and I had been emailing him concerning the



starter box and the electric boat. He overhauled his boat and came and sailed with us last week and he generously donated his 'Toot the Tug' to the club.



I had been working on recovering the club tug since I picked up the electric boat from the lost&found as it had a battery I could use. I have remodelled it by discarding the top deck so it looks more like a narrow boat and is more in scale with the Seawinds. So now we have 2 tugs.



After the racing Gordon arrived with his own molded Carbon Fibre Seawind clone which he has recently rebuilt. It is finished to Gordon's usual high standards but does have some extras, such as double spreaders and a extra forestay from the bow.



Also at the pond was this very nicely finished standard Seawind finished as NZL 32 in all black. It is owned by Jason who sails with the America's Cup boats and may well join us to get into RC racing.

The boat does have non-standard panelled sails at the moment, but otherwise is a stock build.

Next Week(s):

January 13: Summer Series 6

January 20: Summer Series FINAL

January 27: Anniversary Weekend Regatta

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