

Sailing 27 January 2013

Anniversary Weekend Regatta

12 members turned out for the Regatta which were divided into 4 groups each of 3 boats. This meant that each race would have just 6 boats. It would seem that there should be fewer incidents and collisions with the smaller fleet, but this seemed not to be the case. The main culprit was the easterly wind which varied and shifted, was blocked by the bushes and gusted suddenly.



Geoff giving an inspirational speech before the racing.

In the first race approaching the finish Gary was running 2nd behind a boat that was carrying a penalty, as the penalty was taken there was a collision between these two and Tom Clark passed them and took the win. A protest was made and the committee decided that Gary should be awarded the win without penalising Tom, which is why there are 13 wins in 12 races.

In most races the fleet was kept close because the wind died ahead and the trailing boats could catch up, as in the photo below of the boats at one of the two windward marks. Both top marks suffered from sheltering from the bushes.

Sometimes, though, a leading boat or two could break away and a wind shift could leave the rest stranded.

Half of the fleet managed to get a race win.

Terry had a repeat of his electrical problems that set his servos to full travel though this had not happened all week on the testing bench. Neil found the fault. The early HobbyKings had dual receivers. When the slave was disconnected to check the contacts the problem went away.

Ivan went to the shore a couple of times before racing and adjusted his transmitter aerial which seems to have fixed this.

In totalling up the scores I misadded Neil Purcell's, omitting to discard his worst result. The winner was Gary Irwin with a total of 7. Geoff McGill was 2nd with 9 but Bruce Watson was awarded 3rd with 11. On recounting for the report Neil also had 9 so was 2nd equal. I have to apologise for this to Neil and to Bruce.

It will be necessary to sail a deciding race between Geoff and Neil, as is specified in the race notice, to settle the placings. Gary is confirmed as the winner.



1st	Gary Irwin	7
TBA	Geoff McGill	9
TBA	Neil Purcell	9

Next Week(s):

February 3: Aggregate Match 3

February 10: Waitangi Day - Fun day

February 17: Autumn Series Start

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