

Sailing 7 July 2013

Winter Series 4

There was a nice sailing breeze today, no rain, and even some sun. The pond was relatively clean and was not over the path.

There were a dozen members for the racing plus some potential members were trying the club boat or had a Seawind. Noel Heerdegen has bought the CFE boat (ex David Hartley) from Neil Purcell.



Getting ready to start race 3

The first race was delayed for me to get my spare boat. I had been sailing 1 before the start but when the race was called it failed to connect to the transmitter so I fetched 01 from the car. It was noticed that a shroud clip had failed so I quickly tied this up. Later it was seen that several clips had the brass retainer corroded, it is lucky that the mast stayed up.

Kevin Webb made the best of the racing by winning races 1 and 4. In race 5 I managed to get a good start and was second around the first mark behind Terry O'Neil with Kevin hot on my tail. As the bulk of the fleet came together at that mark just behind Kevin we managed to take a good lead on them. After we passed Terry, Kevin stayed on my tail for the rest of the race, catching on the downwind legs while I could step out a little on the windwards. We were side by side around the last mark, with me on the inside and that was enough for me to take the win.

With that 2nd place and an assessed win Kevin has the top score for the day of 8. This takes him to top score in the series.

Peter Andrews had the 2nd top day score of 15 after winning race 2. John McCaulay won race 3 (photo below shows him with a good lead). He had 3rd top day score and holds onto 2nd in the series. Neil Purcell won the final race followed by Tom Clark with Carol Berquist getting 3rd place.



The wind was north-west so the longest windward leg started at the orange buoy in the far corner. Bruce Watson rounded this and held onto starboard tack too long as he sailed close to the shore alongside the trees. He discovered that one tree had a branch that reached out several metres at less than mast height. He had to step on the branch and use the pole at full stretch to recover his boat.

In the A Division series there are 3 boats with equal top score and Carol leads B Division.

Other Items:

This was posted on SeawindRC.com forums by Mike Eades of the USSOA:

Skippers, The last "official word" received both from Kyosho Japan by my counterpart there and confirmed by KyoshoAmerica was that production of SeaWind kits is planned in the fall of this year 2103. However until we actually see kits coming out there will remain an element of doubt. I will post any news as soon as I receive it. Mike



Several other boats were at the pond including this nicely finished tug, the ETNZ and a sloop.

Next Week(s):

July 14: Winter Series

July 21: Winter Series FINAL

July 28: Spring Series START

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