

## Sailing 3 March 2013

### Aggregate Match Series 4

The Electrons had had some rain in the morning and not much wind. At midday there no wind at all but it did fill in from the South West and eventually gave a good sailing breeze. The weed was about the same as the last few weeks. The pond was back up to its proper level, see other column.

Kevin Webb and I started the racing in very light wind and at times it died away and left the boats stationary. Kevin had taken a fair sized lead but then fell in a hole for a short while. I was catching up on the last downwind and the final leg to the finish had caught a breeze, but the finish line came too soon and I was still a couple of lengths behind.

To ensure that all 22 races for the 11 members were completed on time if the wind was light all afternoon we managed to keep 3 races on the course most of the time.



Photo left shows Terry O'Neil becalmed in his race with Bruce while Ivan Fraser catches a light breeze on the other side of the pond while racing Geoff McGill.



Rather better wind came as the afternoon progressed and here Kevin leads Terry into the top mark as Geoff shows some heel angle.

Geoff McGill, Bruce Watson, and Kevin Webb all won all four of their races this week which, after dropping one result, puts Kevin Webb in the series lead with a perfect score of 24. Geoff McGill moves to 2nd as I fall back to 3rd place.



### State of the Pond:

Ian has saved the pond. Last week the level was still quite low as the sill had been leaking. After patching that we could see that there were leaks in the sides of the weir gate chamber. Ian plugged one and then another opened up and was plugged. By Friday the high tides had filled the pond so that pond level was back up to the top of the weir gate. There is probably still some leakage but as long as the tide refills it faster than the leaks there will be enough water for sailing.

I prepared a report on maintenance requirements which has been sent to several in the council and other interested parties.

The pond SG is now at 1.030 which is higher than the estury level due to evaporation.

### Kaipatiki Meeting: ORA Petition

The Onepoto Residents Association had been collecting a petition to support the Kaipatiki Local Board request to Council for money to dredge the Ponds. Carol and I went along to the Board meeting on Wednesday to support Shane Brannigan, the secretary of the ORA, as he presented the petition, and to represent the pond sailing clubs and the OLCC.

We also circulated the report mentioned above so that the board is aware of the maintenance issues.



*Two races together at the top mark as Kevin leads Ivan and Ian leads away from the mark with Carol becalmed.*

### Next Week(s):

**March 10: Autumn Series 3**

**March 17: Autumn Series 4**

**March 24: Autumn Series 5**

**March 31: Easter**

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