

Sailing 6 October 2013

Fun Day Sailing

With the club year series events completed, there is just the Regatta and some fun days left up to the AGM and then the 2013/2014 year events will start. Ten member were at the pond for some casual racing. The sun was hot, the breeze was blowing nicely, though shiftily and the pond was ..., well actually it was a little dirty with some scrutt coming to the surface. Still, by no means as bad as it was some years ago when the pond bottom would erupt on hot days.

I stepped into the pond, a kid on the other side rode his bike into the pond, so there was something to laugh at.

Alternate Sailing Ponds



Yesterday I went to the Quarry Lake at Pukpuke. There were no boats sailing but the Canoe Club had some Canoe Polo events at the far end. It is said to be too weedy to sail with long 'swan weed' growing up from the bottom. It doesn't show but it would have to be sailed to find out.

We also need to know if other clubs are using it on Sundays.



I also went to Paremuka Lakeside at Ranui. This is two ponds at different levels, the lower one is choked with mats of weed and has a statue of an eel catcher (photo right). The upper one is large and reasonably open, but has lots of oxygen weed that will preclude sailing.

Richard,

John just read the newsletter, thanks.

He wants to share with you that he visited the Star of India in San Diego harbor a few days ago and climbed some of the rigging. She was responsible for delivering 20-25% of the UK population that emigrated to NZ. She was built in 1863 and is an iron-cladded square-rigger built on the Isle of Man (per John).

Let the group know that John sends his regards and has an enlarged photo of the recent group shot framed. It is a cherished memento.

Regards, Jim

President's Regatta

Next weekend, the 13th is the Regatta. Registration will open at 1pm and racing will start as soon after that as possible so come early to ensure that you don't miss races.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is in 4 weeks so prepare your proposals and get your nominations in.

Proposal on Proposed Schedule

The proposed schedule has Christmas break on 22nd December. I propose that 22nd be a racing day and the breaks shifted one week later so that racing recommences on 12th January rather than the 5th.



'Eelman' by Warren Viscoe in the lower Paremuka pond. It must 25 feet tall. Note the shag on his elbow.

Next Week(s):

October 13: President's Regatta

October 20: Lay Day/Fun Day

October 27: Labour Day

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