

Sailing 5 January 2014

Aggregate Match Race Series 2

Rain had been predicted, and so it was. Eight members were at the pond for the racing, plus Ian Bergquist who did the umpiring for us.

The wind was North-East which is the most difficult to set a match racing course, but at least there was no weed in the water.



Garry Irwin has repainted 'Goldie' (left) with a black deck, dark blue hull with a wide gold stripe along the topsides, and was using this rather than his CFE. Geoff McGill had his old '18', now also repainted so it no longer get confused with Bruce's boat.



Kevin Webb won the first race with Garry. Ivan Fraser and Carol Bergquist were next and they kept it close through the whole race. Here Carol gets across on port approaching the top mark on the 2nd lap. Ivan took the lead at that mark and won by a couple of lengths.



In the race between Geoff and Kevin, Geoff cut the downwind mark too close and hung on the buoy briefly, letting Kevin get past to take the win.



Then, later, Kevin was racing Bruce Watson when he also caught on the buoy briefly. Bruce won all four of his races. Neil Purcell, Kevin and I each won three races.

Kevin leads the series with Ivan just one point behind and Neil in 3rd.

But for the rain it was a good days sailing with clean water and enough wind.

Sailing in the Breaks

Both break days featured strong gusts and boats breaking down. In particular the wind was very strong on the 29th with lots of high speed downwind runs – plus diving and rounding up. The race results were determined somewhat by how well these were recovered from.

Gerald's 96 was put to use by Neil, and he got it going well, taking a 2nd place and losing a couple of 2nds places within metres of the finish line as Geoff just layed the line and Neill needed to tack.

From Bruce Watson:

Best wishes for 2014.

Whilst in CHCH, I visited Lake Victoria, on the Saturday fun day and met the president. I had a very enjoyable sail of his J Class (wind direction was Southerly, which is the only direction that causes gusting due to trees).



1. The Club was established in 1893
2. It has been continuous through the wars
3. Current membership over 100
4. Sail J class (largest number & easiest to sail - not too much different from Seawind)
5. Also have some EC 12's -scale about 1.5m+ long.
6. The council rebuilt the lake after the earth quake & commissioned this year. Some reedy weed growth already - due to ducks -weeds poisoned by Council
7. Nice clubhouse - our next project?



Next Week(s):

January 12: Spring Series 6

January 19: Spring Series FINAL

January 26: Anniversary Regatta

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