

Sailing 30 March 2014

Autumn Series 6

The wind was very light while around the middle of the day, and moving around the compass. It picked up after racing started and it settled around south-west.

In race one, a handicap start, as well as starting last I picked up weed on the line and dropped well back until I could get to the path and clear it. There was windless patch that the fleet fell into and I sailed well away from them and passed many on the way to first mark. Working a couple of shifts I managed to get the lead and took the win with Bruce Watson and Kevin Webb placing.



Race 2 had Peter Andrews taking the lead early in the race and holding it to the win (photo left) with Geoff McGill and Neil Purcell taking the places.

Bruce won races 3 and 4, and also race 6. He was leading most of the way on race 5 but I started to catch him in the last half

lap. By the final mark Bruce still led by 8 or so lengths but as I rounded I got a lift so when Bruce tacked to port to get to the line I was on starboard and able to get him to tack to my lee side. I could then hold him off until to far lay line and I could tack and take the win. Neil 3rd.

In the final race Ian Bergquist had taken the lead halfway on the first lap and held it to the final mark. Ivan Fraser had been just behind but touched a mark allowing Bruce and I to pass. On the final leg Bruce was sailing a bit faster and won by just an inch or two.

Bruce was top boat for the day with 7 points and he takes the lead in the series and A division. I had 10 points and Neil Purcell was 3rd with 16.

Ivan leads B division from Terry. Carol leads C.

Photo: Geoff McGill leads approaching first mark



Onepoto Desilting plan from Carol:

I had a meeting with the design engineer and contract managers on Friday and it was agreed that the pond will be de-silted to provide for a minimum water depth of 450mm to the margins as much as possible. This allows for some silting up over time. The contract does include clearing the inlets and outlet, repairing/ rebuilding the weir gates and constructing 3 forebays at each inlet. This should prevent further silting up of the ponds, except for overland flows, and means future de-silting should only have to be in the forebays.

The result of this is that a greater volume of silt will have to be removed, so greater cost. There will be a public meeting at the clubrooms before the consent is lodged so everyone gets to understand what will happen and when, and hopefully be happy with it. This consultation and obtaining consent is likely to take a couple of months but shouldn't be much more. Everyone agrees that the job has to be done so we all get the result we want so they'll wear the budget blow-out.

Re: Seawinds Wanted (last week):

Well, thanks to your including my original email in your newsletter, two of our chaps now have (or are in the process of getting) their own Seawind. This is a great outcome which is much appreciated. Cheers for now - Robt

Daylight saving ends next Sunday morning.



Car Parking was full in the morning, though clearer at lunch time, and overflowed onto a grass area when the council 'family fun' started as 3pm.

Next Week(s):

April 6: Aggregate Match Series 4

April 13: Autumn Series FINAL

April 20: Easter fun day

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