

Sailing 14 December 2014

Summer Series 5



There was plenty of parking available today. The pond was up over the path. The wind was strong and gusty from the east and swung around somewhat.

A course was set with two windward legs. With just 5 members racing there was no need for referees to be used. Ian and Carol turned up but didn't stay for the racing. Ian had sprained his wrist while doing some drilling and had it in a sling.

With the wind so changeable and gusty it was easy to gain or lose several places in a short time. On the downwinds the gusts would drive the boat under and round it up.



Kevin Webb had the best of the racing with 3 wins a 2nd and a 3rd for a total of 8. Tom Clark and Terry O'Neil both had a total of 10, Tom had one win and 3 2nd places, Terry getting 2 wins and one 2nd and two 3rds.

In the first race Tom and Kevin collided and locked masts. Kevin's spreader was bent and he withdrew. In race 3 my boat would not tack in a strong gust and it ran onto the path. I tried to push it off but the mast broke. I fetched my old 01 and launched this at the same spot and finished the race. The mast break was at a previous break and also broke the internal splint.

Correction

Last week in the Aggregate Series the result of one race was recorded ambiguously and awarded it incorrectly. Bruce Watson won his race against Kevin Webb, this gave Bruce 4 wins with equal top score with Ian Bergquist.

New Member



New member Andrew Chong arrived at the pond with his new Seawind Readysat. It will be numbered 80. Neil and I adjusted the rig and Andrew sailed it around in the gusty conditions. He didn't feel up to racing it yet and will train with it during the week.

Life of the Pond



The Paradise Shelduck chicks were thought to be males because they had black heads. They are now moulting and the heads are changing to white which indicates they are female/

Next Week(s):

December 21: Summer Series 6

December 28: Xmas break

January 4: New Year break

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