

Sailing 9 November 2014

Summer Series Start

The weather was like summer was upon us. It was hot and there was a nice sailing breeze most of the time.

John Macaulay had problems with his boats and he took Savannah 96 for the racing. Dan Leahy had his boat fail and he missed the first couple of races. He sailed my old 01. He was only confused about which 'Prada' he should be controlling a couple of times.



Sometimes the wind died away to almost nothing. Above is race 3 first mark with Kevin just rounding it.



On the next leg the boats surged to the 'can' buoy under a strong gust.

At the AGM the members voted to return to the 3 scratch and 3 handicap races so this was the format today.

Kevin Webb won the first race and was leading race 3 (above) until Bruce Watson passed him to take the win. Bruce won the last two races, his ref gave him a 4th (assessed) win and a total score of 7 for top boat today.

I had a string of 2nd places for a total of 11 and 2nd top score. Garry Irwin won races 2 and 4 and had 3^{rds} and 4^{ths} to give him 3rd top score with 13.

There were a number of collisions resulting in boats locking together and drifting to the shore or away from the course while others passed. Too many of them.

A friendly race was sailed after the series racing and this was won by Neil Purcell with me getting another 2nd place.

It was a good turnout with 15 boats, a good sailing day with a good wind (mostly).

Divisions

The divisions are reviewed twice a year based on the performance in the seasonal series. This time Peter Andrews and Carol Bergquist move into B Division while John Hinton moves to C.

Parking at Onepoto

Today it was not only the cycle track that attracted people from all over Auckland but there was a meeting of the Multiple Birth Club with bouncy castles and other attractions. This included a couple of fire engines in the middle of the parking area.



Apparently there were four of these in the morning. In the afternoon there was an AAFL game but all our members had found parking by then.

Waterproof Sail Servos



Garry Irwin has rebuilt his old 'Goldie' to replace his other boats. He has installed two AVOX waterproof digital servos. The sail servo is rated at 18 Kg/cm which is greater than the standard HS-765HB. The servo is quite a bit smaller and requires a mounting plate to bridge between the servo screws and the servo tray's post. Garry has made this plate (shown above) of plywood.

Seawinds for Sale

2x Seawinds and electrics, spare masts and transmitters. \$900 the lot!

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Next Week(s):

November 16: Summer Series 2

November 23: Summer Series 3

November 30: Summer Series 4

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