

Sailing 1 February 2015

Aggregate Match Race Series round 3

Some rain over the weekend had raised the pond slightly. This and the Northerly wind had kept the pond clear of weed. The afternoon was overcast but no rain.

We had to wait until 2pm to make the draw. Some comment was made about having a close off for the draw at 1:45pm or so, but the draw is so quick to make that the first race is not held up.

Ivan Fraser still has problems with his boat.. He again tested his boat out before going to the pond including operating it from the end of the garden. At the pond, though, it refused to work. I tried my servo tester on his sail servo and it moved twice then failed.



Ivan, with 96 Savannah leads Terry O'Neill

I had brought along 96 Savannah this week to be the club boat and so Ivan took this for the races and got it working quite well, winning one race and keeping it close on another couple.

Top boats this week were John Macaulay and Peter Andrews who both won all 4 of their races.

In the series, after 3 race days and discarding one, John Macaulay has taken the lead alone with several members one point behind.



Terry leads Bruce Watson (briefly)

Collisions:

There was some discussion about collisions and whether an aggressive boat should be penalised. This is covered in the current rule set by rule 14:

14 AVOIDING CONTACT

A boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible. However, a right-of-way boat or one entitled to room or mark-room

(a) need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not keeping clear or giving room or mark-room, and

(b) shall be exonerated if she breaks this rule and the contact does not cause damage or injury.

This indicates that a boat having right of way or buoy room cannot be given a penalty and also that a keep clear boat can be given a penalty even if there is no actual contact if the right of way boat has to act to avoid contact.



More Electrons:

Bruce Watson is the latest Seawind sailor to get an Electron so that they can race all day on a Sunday.

This is Bruce's boat, numbered 723 sailing last week.



Next Week(s):

February 8: Waitangi Weekend – Fun

February 15: Autumn Series Start

February 22: Autumn Series 2

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