

Sailing 11 January 2015

Aggregate Match Race Series 2

It was hot today and the pond was very smelly, fortunately downwind of us. The wind was generally South-West but was very fluky.

Dan Leahy is still repairing and repainting his boat so he took 19 to sail today. Terry O'Neil was test sailing when his boat failed to respond and he went to the far shore. It was too far to reach with the pole but sailed off by itself and was herded back by Neil Purcell. Ivan Fraser had his boat fail too and he took 01 for his first race which was against me so two Pradas were racing. He decided that 01 was not sailing well and later shared 19 with Dan.

In the race between Ian Bergquist and Mike



McCaw Mike was just ahead at the start line. Mike led at the first mark but on the downwind leg Ian drew level. He paused to clear weed, which was somewhat of a problem today, but was close behind at the downwind mark.



At the mark Ian turned inside and took the lead through the line for the 2nd lap windward.



By splitting on a shift they were crossing tacks closely and alternating which was ahead. At the top mark Ian

went into a light patch and Mike was able to round ahead and drift downwind to a lead that gave him the win.

Kevin Webb was the only one to win all 4 races. Mike McCaw and Terry O'Neill won 3 races.

Kevin, Terry and Ian have equal top score in the series so far with just 2 days sailed.

A fleet race afterwards was won by myself.

No tears at safest parks

The December 28 edition of the Herald on Sunday had an article titled as above. This recommended parks that were safe for children to play in various areas. The North Shore list had Onepoto as number 2. This may have a bad effect on the availability of parking.

Playing it safe

North Shore

» 1: Lake Town Green, Hauraki Corner

Fully fenced, soft surfaces and a sandpit filled with toys.

» 2: Onepoto Domain, Onewa

Children's cycleways with roundabout, a boardwalk section and simple obstacles to keep it interesting.

Racing Schedule

The Schedule has had to be revised. The original did not have Aggregate Series 5. This will be on April 12 while the final Autumn Series day is now 19 April, replacing the Lay Day.

Repairs to 1



The Deck of 1 had split at the edge of the hatch.



I used Epoxy Putty to form a fillet under the deck. This is a cylinder of epoxy with the two parts concentric. Some is cut off and kneaded to mix it then it is pressed into place.



A spare strut had been wrapped in tape to increase its size, smeared with Vaseline and screwed in place to keep it clear for the tray.



A small piece of fibreglass cloth was added to the outside using epoxy glue.

Next Week(s):

January 18: Summer Series Final

January 25: Anniversary Regatta

February 1: Aggregate Match Race 3

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