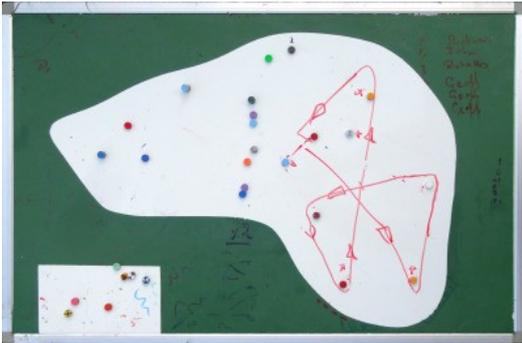


Sailing 7 June 2015

Winter Series 3

The dredge was moored on the far side of the pond with the silt pipe and electric supply cutting the pond in two. The southern end was the largest area but had only a few buoys. Ian Bergquist had two that he had restored and repainted and these were put in as 'Bridge' and 'Tree'. We sailed out a line to recover three buoys and cleared them of all the mussels that had grown on the line and threatened to sink them. After racing these were recovered to be cleaned and repainted.



A late change in the start line gave the course illustrated.

Terry O'Neill's boat failed in race one so he took 19.

New member Phillip Brian won race 4 today. He made a good start and kept the lead all the way around the two laps.

Kevin Webb was to boat today. He won races 1 and 6 and had 2nd places in races 3 and 5. With his refing of race 4 his total score was 7. This keeps him in the series lead by a good margin.

Neil Purcell has the second top score today of 13 with a win in race 5 and a couple of 2nd places. He holds onto 2nd place in the series.

Bruce Watson won Races 2 and 3. In race 2 he had such a huge lead that I had doubts that he had sailed the whole course. His total of 15 was third highest day score and he holds this place of 3rd in the series.

The wind had been quite difficult with gusts and dead spots. We finished early and the wind died away completely just afterwards.

A couple of visitors to the pond showed interest, one had a Seawind in his garage that he had not sailed much. I lent my boat to them between races and after racing had completed while Ian and I recovered the buoys

Photo below: Race 2 as the count down was about halfway through. Trevor Shoebridge in the lead.



Pond Dredging Project

Rain made the pond overflow during the week and this delayed dredging. It was also delayed when one of the bund bags split, leaking out the silt back into the pond and requiring repairs.

Queen's Birthday

The pond was up over the path and during the Electron racing Neill Purcell fell in the pond - twice. The first time he was walking along the edge of the path in some depth of water and tripped on the reeds. Then, later, he stepped into the pond and went up to his waist. He didn't stay around for he Seawind sailing.

Electron Recovery

There were 19 Electrons racing this morning.



As I arrived two of the boats were locked together and drifted to the far corner. One then sailed off and went between the hulls of the dredge where the wind held it in place.

It was about 20 foot from the shore. Tree branches prevented throwing a line, plus the Electrons have no shrouds to catch one. Eventually we collected four recovery poles and tied them together to reach out far enough to push the boat clear.

Next Week(s):

June 14: Winter Series 4

June 21: Winter Series 5

June 28: Winter Series 6

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