

Sailing 15 March 2015

Autumn Series round 4

Last week had some hot days and this has unfortunate effects on the birds with botulism.



The white Peking duck had died during the week and I pulled a black back gull from the water. Carol Bergquist took this to bird rescue and missed out on the sailing.

With the storm expected tonight the wind was quite strong but it was also very unstable. Sometimes there would be almost none and then there would be a vertical dump that spread out in all directions.



Garry Irwin was back this week with his repainted 'Goldie'. Unfortunately as he unload the boat the forestay plate pulled away from the deck. Several attempts later it was refixed and he could sail.

Ian Bergquist had not brought his hatch. I carry some as spares but he could not get it to fit on his seals so it leaked too much and he took Savannah 96 after the first race.

With just six boats at the start of racing there was no need for referees. Tom Clark turned up later after race 2.

Kevin Webb had the best of the racing today. He won races 1 and 3 and with a couple of 2nd places had the top score with 9 points. This keeps him in first place in the series with an increased lead.

Ian Bergquist also won two races using Savannah 96 after taking a lot of water in his own boat in race 1. He also had a 2nd place and his total was 14 giving him 2nd equal in the day score.

Garry, after getting his rig back on his boat, also won two races and had a 2nd place to get the same score as Ian with 14 to be 2nd equal for the day.

It just started to spit a bit of rain as we finished racing. It wasn't an easy day to race.

Marine / Model Sail Shop North Shore



Tony Oudshoorn, who runs the ultralite-radioyachting.net site, has opened a marine supply and model sailing shop in Forest Hill on the North Shore. He carries glass and carbon fibre and resins and general marine products. He has Dragon yachts, Spektrum R/C and HiTec servos.

In particular he has the Hitec HS-5646WP Digital waterproof Servo in the 11Kg/cm class for sails and the HS-646WP waterproof servo for rudders. The former is a compact design and would require an adaptor plate. Being digital it can be programmed and should be able to made to have sufficient swing range but this should be checked.

Ivan Fraser came to the pond for a short time without his boat. He has some problems with gall stones and his pancreas and has lost some weight. He has had the stones removed but needs to go back into hospital for some more procedures.

We wish him well and a speedy recovery.



Neil was tacking to the finish while Bruce was running to the bottom mark on starboard.

Next Week(s):

March 22: Autumn Series 5

March 29: Autumn Series 6

April 5: Aggregate Series 5

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