

Sailing 17 May 2015

Winter Series Start

The wind had been very light in the morning for the Electrons and a heavy shower arrived at 12:30 to drown them. This front brought along quite a nice South-Westerly breeze for the afternoon. As we packed up another shower threatened by was just some light drizzle.

The dredging raft didn't take up much room and a course was set well clear of it.

Mike McCaw's boat has a problem around the front of the keel with the hull skin breaking away from the keel box due to flexing. He used 19 today.



In the first race Dan Bush and Tom Clark raced away to a large lead. In the photo (above) Tom leads Dan as they run away from the white mark while Ian Bergquist and Mike (in 19) still have some distance to get there. Bruce Watson managed to catch that buoy - and again in a later race. Kevin Webb managed to work his way from dead last to get 3rd place.

Carol Bergquist led most of the way in race 2 but I passed her on the windward to white to take the lead for the final downwind but I ran out of wind and Kevin, Bruce and Carol brought it up from behind and passed me to finish in that order after rounding the final mark together.

Dan and Tom reversed their positions from the first race in race 3 while I took 3rd.

Carol again led race 4, with Mike keeping close, until Kevin passed them closing to the line.

Bruce managed to avoid catching the white buoy this time to win race 5 with Dan and Kevin taking the places.

Tom had his second win in the final, divisional race and was 3rd overall score for the day with 17 points. Bruce worked his way through the fleet to get 2nd pushing Carol back to 3rd.

Dan had the 2nd best day score of 16. Kevin was top score from his two wins with 10 points.



New Member

Roger Hawkins has joined us with a new Carbon Fibre Edition Seawind numbered 47.

He had previously sailed Marbleheads for

a couple of years and for the last month or so had practised on club days at the pond using the club boat.

Pond Dredging progress

The bund appears to be completed with its full lining but it still awaits the bags that will hold the silt while it dewateres.



The raft was on-site during the week and today it was floating down by the bridge end of the pond moored to the banks. It is likely to start pumping out during the coming week.

For Sale

From Peter Andrews:

I have a heavy weather sailing suit which is surplus to requirements. It would suit someone of average size. It has had little use. Size on the collar tag is large. It comes with trousers with a bib and a large jacket with hood. Ideal for someone sailing a keeler. Dan Bush thought it would be worth \$200 but I would be happy to consider any offer.

Contact Peter at phone: (09) 410-4148 or email pfa@Xtra.co.nz

Next Week(s):

May 24: Winter Series 2

May 31: Winter Series 3

June 7: Queens Birthday fun day

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