

Sailing 24 May 2015

Winter Series 2

With the storm overnight and an unfavourable weather forecast it did not look like there would be sailing today. But the clouds broke in the morning and showed some blue sky and occasional sunlight. By the time racing was about to start the wind had moderated, though there were still gusts. During the racing there were a couple of showers but these were quite short.



The pond was up over the path so some of the cones were borrowed to mark the edge of the path, both to prevent falling in when launching and to stop boats running into the curb.

With the gusty wind there were several collisions even though there were only seven boats racing. We got through the racing by 3:15 because the course was rather shorter with some of the pond cut off and the good wind made the boats sail fast.

Terry O'Neill won the first race by keeping out of the way while Neil and Bruce Watson locked together twice and others also got into trouble.

Neil Purcell won the last two races. In the final race he was neck and neck with Bruce in the last leg and managed to take a very close win. With a 2nd and 3rds he had top score for the day with 10.

I had 2nds and 3rds that totalled 13 for second top score. Bruce won race 2 and his total of 14 was 3rd for the day.

Kevin Webb won races 3 and 4, his total of 15 kept him with the series lead.



Potential New Member



Phillip (left) arrived at the pond and expressed that he has had an interest in getting a radio controlled boat since he watched America's Cup racing in 1987. I gave him 19 to trial sail for the day. He had sailed P class and similar when at school.

Pond Dredging progress



Dredging has started. The raft was moored on the far side with the silt pipe, supported by orange buoys, ran across the pond cutting it into two parts. The white buoys supported the power line but these were well out of the way.



While the dredging was being done the silt bag inflated to the level of the bund rim. It has since subsided as it de-watered.

The raft has problems getting close to the edge of the pond and it leaves keel impressions where it has been dragged into the shallows.

Next Week(s):

May 31: Queens Birthday fun day

June 7: Winter Series 3

June 14: Winter Series 4

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