

Sailing 15 November 2015

Summer Series 2

The day was overcast with a West to North-West breeze of variable quality. With this wind it is difficult to set a windward start so a reaching start to the far corner was set with couple of windward legs back to the path and to 'tree'.

16 members were at the pond for the racing and sometimes this lead to crowding at the marks and a couple of masts locking together.



John Macaulay took the best score again today with a series of 3rds giving a total of 16, the same as he had last week. He keeps the series lead.

Kevin Webb was just 1 point behind John with 17 points from some 2nd and 3rds and a 7th.

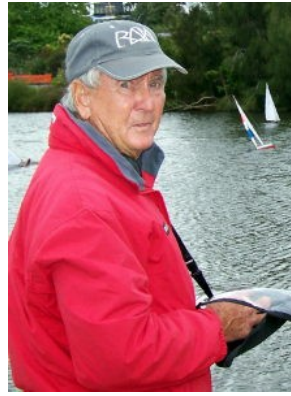
Bruce Watson won races 1 and 5 but without any supporting places his total was 19 for 3rd place today.

Tom Clark made a good start with good positions in races 1 and 2 and a win in race 3, but I think his boat failed.

New member George Stead won race 2 in 94 keeping well ahead of Tom and Kevin trying to run him down. Reuben Muir won race 4 closely followed by Phillip Brain. These two also took the places in the final race which Neil Purcell won.



Jim Keogh has equipped his perspex hatch with a bubble cut from some packaging. His 2.4GHz receiver is set up high to keep the aerial above water level and to keep it dry.



New Member

George Stead sailed 94 a couple of weeks ago and has now purchased it from Reuben Muir and has joined the club.

He won a race today, as did Reuben.



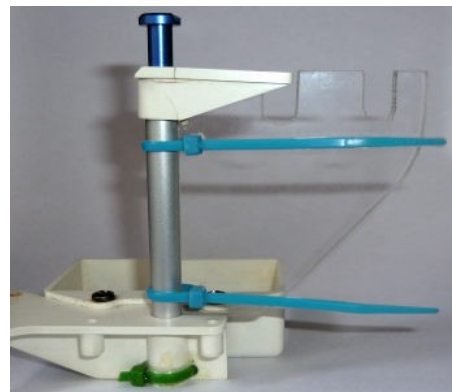
Prize Giving (3)

Phillip Brain has now been presented with his award for "Most Improved Sailor".

His racing earned him a 2nd and a 3rd in series racing today.

Mast Support

Following last week's showing of the mast support that Kevin Webb had, I thought about how it could be improved. I made a prototype of 4mm perspex that is fixed using cable ties around the aluminium tube rather than pins into part C3 and the base part.



This method of fixing gives two advantages. The support can be installed (with difficulty) without removing the tubes and parts by slipping it into place and tightening the ties. The load is completely removed from part C3 so if this is broken, this can still be installed.

Next Week(s):

November 22: Summer Series 3

November 29: Summer Series 4

December 6: Aggregate Match Race 1

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