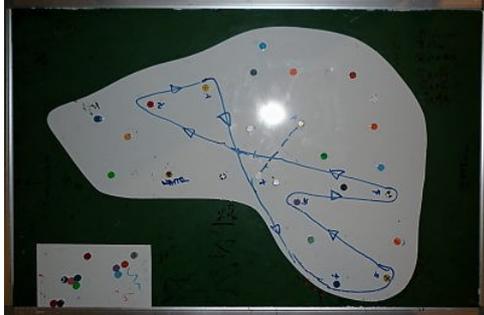


Sailing 21 August 2016

Spring Series 4

Ten members turned out today for a good days sailing. The wind was from the North allowing a long windward leg plus another shorter one. The sun came out and it is starting to get warm again.



Mike McCaw turned up without his boat, which is still being rebuilt, and he took 19 for the racing.

Race 1 had John Macaulay running away to a good sized lead while Reuben Muir fought Terry O'Neill and Neil Purcell for the places.

Race 2 had Tom Clark quickly taking the lead and holding it to the finish while John and I worked through the fleet to take the places.

Tom won race 3 too. He had been in a leading group that included Neill and Terry and these all had a very close finish.

In race 4 Simon Adamson went out to a good sized lead for most of the race. A collision and penalty turn allowed Neil to catch and pass for the win while Tom took 3rd.

Race 5 had John taking a large lead from the start again. Terry and Tom getting the places.

In race 6 It was Mike McCaw that got away to a good start and held this lead all the way to take the win. John managed to work through the fleet to get 2nd place while Simon Adamson held off the rest to get 3rd.

Top boat today was John with his two wins and a total of 10 points. This gives him the series lead. Tom was 2nd today also with two wins and 12 points. He gets to 2nd in the series. Neil had 1 win and 15 points for third.

State of the Pond

The salt level is not rising as fast as I thought it might. Today it was 0.002, this is only slightly higher than last week when it was effectively zero. I checked the flap valves.



It did feel like spring today and there were some ducklings circling the ponds.

End of Year, AGM, Upwind Newsletter.

The club's year ends at the end of next month and we are more than half way through the final seasonal series of the year. The Aggregate Match Race Series has its last day on October 2.

We must now think of the AGM and what we want to have for next year. Proposals are welcome for any changes to any of the race series, the way that the race days are organised or any other issue.

I usually get an Upwind newsletter out in early October and would like members to submit articles, proposals, observations or questions. Or anything really.

Another boat for Neil

Neil Purcell went into 360Marine to buy some sails and came out with another Seawind. This is a second hand built up kitset complete with servos but no radio, shown left in photo below.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS.

Next Week(s):

August 28: Spring Series 5

September 4: Father's Day

September 11: Spring Series 6

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