

Sailing 24 January 2016

Autumn Series START

It was hot today, too hot. The pond was down a few inches. This is probably due to evaporation and the flap valves being fixed so we no longer get inflow at high tides. This needs to be corrected and I am trying to get keys.

The Electrons had very light winds this morning. The heat had brought some scrut up from the bottom and the SE breeze had blown to the top of the pond. Over lunch time the wind increased and shifted to NE which blew the scrut all over the pond but eventually under the bridge.

The same course was used from last week as the wind was in the same direction.

John Macaulay was top boat today. He won 4 races and refereed race 3 to get an assessed win for the best possible score of 5. In the photo below John rounds the first mark in the lead in race 1. He held this to the finish.

Ivan Fraser was 2nd top boat with 5 2nd places and a 3rd giving a total of 10.

The 3rd best score today was Mike McCaw with 20 including two 3rd places, a 4th and an assessed 4th.

Neil Purcell won race 3 in a close fight with Terry O'Neill who took 2nd with Ivan 3rd.

In the last, divisional start, race it was led from the start by Phillip Brain. Mike held 2nd for most of the race but he was caught and passed by Ivan.

Tom Clark was very late and only managed the last two races where he finished in 3rd place in race 5.

I had a couple of 3rd places but collided with Neil as I tried to cross behind and our mast heads locked. We drifted over to the far side trees where the branch sticks out at water level and Neil's boat impaled itself on a branch between the mainsail and boom and had to be pushed by the pole a couple of feet to the far end to get it off.

Dan Bush Sails

I fitted the two sets of sails to Savannah 96 and Club Boat 19.



19 has the Nylon set and is marked N, 96 has the Polyester set and has P as a mark.

These can be sailed and adjusted as required in order to try out the sails and determine if you wish to order a set.



Following Terry O'Neill's repaint with a waterline strip a couple of weeks ago, Peter Andrews has repainted his with green topsides and a white adhesive automotive trim tape.



Non-member Kevin Scrimmager bought this fixed keel Seawind on TradeMe for \$275.

Next Week(s):

January 31: Anniversary Regatta

February 7: Waitangi Weekend

February 14: Aggregate Match Race 3

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