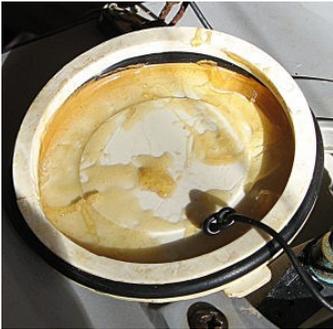


Sailing 26 February 2017

Autumn Series 3

The wind was very light this morning giving very slow races for the Electrons but it did pick up after lunch.

Tom Clark turned up late. He had dropped his boat as he left home and this broke the rudder frame. He attempted to repair this but it didn't hold. He had missed the first two races and retired from the 3rd with lack of rudder control. He took the Club Boat 19 for the remaining races. In the last race it was seen that the rear hatch of this was dislodged. It had split again so this will need repairs too.



Peter Andrews had decided to bring spares to the pond each Sunday that he sails so he was able to supply Tom with the parts required to fix his boat straight away. Peter will be bringing some frames of parts, sail and rudder servos and other parts as available.

With the wind mainly South and swinging a course was set along the long leg of the pond with a 2nd windward leg.

101 was top boat today, winning the first 2 races and getting 3 3rd places for a total of 11.

Kevin Webb and George Stead were equal 2nd today on 13 points. Kevin won race 3 while George won race 5. George retains his lead in the series.

Neil Purcell won race 4. In the final, divisional start, race Terry O'Neill and Peter Andrews got well away to lead by the length of the pond but on the 2nd lap at the top mark they ran out of wind and the fleet got within a few boat lengths before they were able to sail away to take the win and 2nd.

Next Week(s):

March 5: Aggregate Match Race 4

March 12: Autumn Series 4

March 19: Autumn Series 5

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State of the Pond



The toilet block was closed today, replaced by a few porta-a-potties. Apparently the new toilet block used the sump from the old block and it is not handling the load from the number of people using the park. It overflows into the stream and then into the pond, which explains the strong smell during hot weather.



The council has placed a barrier around the north end of the pond with warning not to swim.

With the neap tides at present the amount of water exchange is lower than normal and the SG is still down at 1.014 after the rains last week.

Seawind 101 - Prada 1 is Scrapped



Prada 1 has been leaking for some weeks and I finally inspected it in detail and found there was a long crack alongside one of the rails on the foredeck. This will be impossible to repair from the inside as the keel won't come out. I put this



aside and put together another boat from my stash. This was a 2nd hand boat that I bought a couple of years ago. I had marked up a set of old sails as 101 a few months ago and I put these on.

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