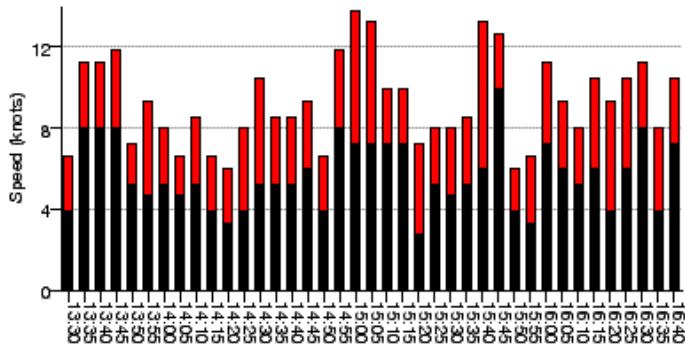


Sailing 29 January 2017

Anniversary Weekend Regatta



This morning the wind had been switching all around for the Electrons. It settled into a North to North-Easterly of a nice strength around lunch-time. During racing it sometimes died away completely and sometimes switched to the South.

We initially set a course with two windwards, one the whole length of the pond, the other quite short. Later, when the wind went lighter, we cut out the short leg to make it a simple windward- leeward, going straight from the green to the basketball, but it wasn't always assured which was the windward leg as the wind switched.

With 9 members at the pond (we waited for Simon) we drew Lego blocks to divide into 3 groups, and thus there were to be 9 races.



Both Bruce and Kevin were over at the start of race 6 and had to return while the rest went off on a downwind start.

Bruce Watson dominated the results with 4 wins in his races followed by a couple of 2nd places for a total of 6 points. On a couple of races he was half the pond length ahead of the next boat.

Kevin Webb was 2nd today with 12 points. He won the last 2 races. In the final race Bruce was catching him quite quickly but the finish line arrived in time.

Neil Purcell was 3rd on 13 points from a series of 2nd and 3rd places.

Peter Andrews won the first race. In race 3 he lost control of his boat at the start and was a DNS but fixed it for the rest of the races. Tom Clark won 2 races.

We finally finished at 4:40pm.



Commodore Kevin Webb (left) presents Bruce Watson with the Anniversary Regatta Weekend Cup, his first Regatta win.



Terry Returns

Terry O'Neill returned to racing today after several months recovering from the problem he had with his leg. He has a brace on his leg but can walk short distances without it.

He is also back playing golf.

State of the Pond



The heat of summer is upon us and this has raised the temperature of the pond and caused gasification in the silt at the bottom. Not only has it raised quite a bit of scrub but it also smells rather bad too.

The council have turned on the fountains full time now to get circulation and increase the oxygen level to combat the stink.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

February 5: Waitangi Day - fun day

February 12: Aggregate Match Race 3

February 19: Autumn Series 2

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