

Sailing 15 July 2018

Fixing the Buoys

There was very heavy rain and strong winds this morning, as had been forecast. By lunchtime these had moved on leaving the pond high and the wind calm but were now causing havoc in the Coromandel.



I had brought the dingy so this was unloaded and Kevin Webb and Wayne Carkeek set off to check the buoys.



Kevin rowing the 'Scamp'

Previously, a week or two ago, the dark green buoy had broken free. It was now down by the bridge. Even though it was alongside the path it needed a long pole to recover it.



'Dark Green' with mussels.

The buoy had been roped with the chain between two separate ropes so that when the chain wore through it lost the weight and drifted off. It had accumulated a collection of mussels around the chain.

As the dingy brought back buoys needing work there were a handful of us scrubbing the mud from them, replacing the ropes, and making them suitable to be taken back and resited.

About halfway through the process the rain started again, lightly at first but increasing and quite cold. We completed by 3pm, cleaned the dingy, now heavily mud infested from the buoys, loaded it back on my car and were off.

My thanks to those who braved the weather.

A couple of Thunder Tiger RG65s turned up and tried to sail around in the rain with almost no wind but no one was interested in getting the Seawinds out for a sail and were grateful they could get home to be warm and dry.



Spring Series

Next week the Spring Series starts and this will run for 7 racing days until 16th September. A lay day is available on 23rd September if any of the scheduled days are cancelled or abandoned. The

Series winner will hold the 'Spring Fleet Race Cup' for a year and will have a miniature to keep.



The current holder of the Cup is Reuben Muir (photo left).

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Next Week(s):

July 22: Spring Series START

July 29: Spring Series 2

August 5: Aggregate Match Race 8

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