

Sailing 4 November 2018

State of the Pond

Reuben went sailing at the pond on Friday and reported that it was covered in clumps of weed. The weather was hot and the wind was south-west so it is likely this was the result of the water temperature rising and causing gasification to bring dead weed up to the surface where it is blown to the sailing pond.

Summer Series Start

There were high winds in the morning, as there had been all week, but it moderated by the start of racing and was sometimes quite light. There was some weed around, enough to be annoying.

16 boats were at the pond, but some dropped out with breakages. Neil Purcell's took a hit and was holed, a bit of tape fixed that, but then he broke a clip and the rig came down. George Stead finally found a hole that was chipped in a coaming and taped that up. Wayne Carkeek had a winch pull out so he took club boat 96 that has just been put together again. He then very nearly won a scratch race with it and led the final race until he caught some weed.

John Hinton had his jib halyard fail and he didn't race. Tom Clark had his jib sheet fail in a race.

In race 2 I caught some weed on the far side and couldn't tack. It eventually caught on a branch sticking 10 feet out from the shore which I had to walk along to push it off.

Race wins went to John Macaulay, George Stead, Bruce Watson, myself, Reuben Muir and Tom Clark in that order.

John and Bruce were equal top boats on 12 points. George was 3rd on 15.

Photo below: John (black hull) and Wayne (red hull Savannah 96) leading to the first mark race 5. John rounded first and led around the first lap but Wayne took the lead going into lap 2 and held this until a few metres from the finish line when Reuben caught him on the windward and won by a length.

Next Week(s):

November 11: Summer Series 2

November 18: Summer Series 3

November 25: Summer Series 4

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Spare Parts

Wayne Carkeek has donated some tapered plugs and adhesive blocks to the club and these are available to members. There are two sizes of plug: the smaller goes down almost to the deck, the larger sits higher and can be drilled to take a string to prevent loss.



Members Boats

Mike Renner has bought another boat off TradeMe. It has number 61 and name Sirocco.

It is recorded in the membership records as having been in the club in year 2000 and probably hasn't been used since.

From: Yan - Chayan Pension

Yan is from Tahiti and sailed with us on the fun day October 21 using my old number 1 with which he won a couple of races.



Hi, Richard. We finally arrived to Tahiti safe and well. We spent a great week in NZ and meeting you was one of the highlights of our stay. Here are couple photos of my seawind and some of our boats and as I told you the max we are sailing is 6 or 7 boats and rarely up to 12.

I enclosed couple shots of a trifoiler that I build from

scratch. It was a great project and it came out very well.

I like very much the photo together at the pond and this will last as a great memory for me. Thank you again for your kindness and please say hello from me to your buddies that I met last time.

Take care Richard and if in the future, I plan another trip to Auckland I will try to get in touch again with you.

Many many thanks. YAN.

The photos are on the website under 'emails'.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

