

Sailing 21 March 2019

Cherokee films ad



I went to the pond at 2pm expecting someone to be there for the filming but apparently it had been delayed and 20 or so vehicles including several large trucks turned up at 3pm. About 50 people turned out and set up tents, various bits of equipment and a pontoon boat.



By then there were 8 of us sailing a variety of boats. The plan was that three Wind Warriors with different sail colours would sail around in a staged race while we were in the background. The actors were only to pretend to sail the boats while 3 experienced RC sailors operated them.

As the planned sailors didn't turn up a couple of our group were taken.



Endless retakes were made, none with us in the background. Just after 6pm we were dismissed with a couple of notes.

Next Week(s):

March 24: Autumn Series 6

March 31: Autumn Series FINAL

April 7: Aggregate Match Race Series 5

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State of the Pond

Last Sunday I photographed the top end of the pond (upper photo). The water level was down so the sludge in the forebay was not covered by water and looked quite firm. A disturbed patch next to the path and a trail of mud showed that a dog had thought it was solid. Down the path a way there was a trail of water across the path, perhaps where the dog had been thrown in the pond to try to wash off the stinking mud.



On Wednesday 20th I visited the pond and contractors had been working to empty the forebay. Apparently 7 truckloads had been removed at that point. The temporary dam had failed and they were pumping the water out again (photo below) so that they could put a camera through the culvert pipe that runs under the road. The forebay is now about 4 feet deep.



Today they brought in a big truck to blast out the mud from the culvert pipe

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