

(Not) Sailing 28 April 2020

State of the Pond



Today I again tied a rake to my ebike and cycled off to the pond to check it out.

The SG is still high at 1.026 - which is nearly sea water. There hasn't been enough rain to soak the ground and so there will not be much runoff into the pond.

The water is quite clear and clean. I suspect that the fountains are working to keep it this way through oxygenation and circulating it.



Where I had raked out the weed a couple of weeks ago there didn't seem to be much regrowth, just a couple of patches that I had missed. Beyond that strip, and especially at the north end, some weed had died and floated to the surface, still attached by threads to the bottom.



I did rake out some more for a short while, particularly the dead floating patches towards the bridge, and I had some friendly seagulls for company as they pecked through the piles picking out the brine shrimps that had been living therein.

Restart of Racing, or Not

On Tuesday 28 April 2020 16:33:33 Bruce Watson wrote:

> The Electrons are a bit reluctant about starting (can't manage distancing at the starts!).

> Could we start with a match race day - allows people to distance & adjust to the new climate .

As it happens next Sunday, May 3rd, is scheduled to be match racing. The following weekend is Mother's Day, so there would be no competition racing then.

I also am not sure if we should return to racing under level 3. While the Winter Series is scheduled to start on the 17th, we do have a lay day for that series so can hold off until the 24th and still have 7 Sundays available.

I was told that the 'Ancient Mariners' will be sailing this Thursday. As they don't have formal racing, and don't even walk up and down the path, they would be able to keep distances.

Members (potential)

Matt Merrick was at the pond with his youngster when I arrived. They were sailing a Readysset Seawind that belongs to Matt's father and hasn't had a lot of use.



How lonely it looks!



Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

May 3: Aggregate Match Race Series (cancelled)

May 10: Mother's day (cancelled)

May 17: Winter Series Start (maybe)

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