

# Sailing 17 May 2020

## Getting back into it

The park gates were open and plenty of people had turned out into the park to ride bikes, play in the playground, picnic on the grass or just wander around.

The Electrons had sailed in the morning. Judy had emailed me with their plans:

*The Electrons are hopefully going to sail this weekend (Sun 17<sup>th</sup>). We will see how many turn up and then formulate a distancing plan.*

*Cheers, Judy Salthouse*

We had about 15 members turn up and our plan, well actually my plan, was to not have race starts where everyone would bunch together, each trying to get the best start. We did sail 'follow my leader' for awhile, but then a race course was set by some (you know who) and several races were held while maintaining reasonable distancing.



Neil Purcell is now sailing a Readysset Seawind numbered as 6, his other purchase over the last few weeks, see if you can spot it at the foot of the page.

Some light rain started around 3:30 so I left the pond along with some others. On the way home, driving up the motorway, there was quite a heavy shower.

Next week will be another casual sailing day and we will hope to start the Winter Series on Queen's Birthday weekend.

### Next Week(s):

**May 24: Casual sailing**

**May 31: Winter Series START**

**June 7: Aggregate Match Race series**

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## Letters to the editor

I have sailed a few times at Onepoto during Lockdown L3, each time there have been 1 or 2 others there, plenty of distancing and within rules. This was good, for me as a newbie (to sailing, RC and SeaWinds) to be able to learn my boat and elementary sailing. Today was a great opportunity to talk to a couple of others about basic objectives, skills, techniques, boat adjustment, tweeks, devices - all without the pressures of racing, getting far behind (and a bit demoralised). It also taught me there was a lot to learn, from terminology (eg lee to luff) to sailing itself. I will also go down when the Ancient Mariners are there for their advice and pointers. Is there any other program available that you can suggest?

Brian Christensen

When I started racing at Onepoto a group of us would meet after work on a Thursday and would practice racing around the buoys. This was during daylight saving so it didn't get dark until quite late. It's a bit late in the season to start that again.

Perhaps some other members may be able to answer Brian.

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