

# Sailing 24 May 2020

## Getting back into it



It was wet and cold at the pond, and got colder and wetter as the afternoon went on. In spite of that seven members turned out for some casual racing between the two furthest apart buoys.

The water was quite clean and clear and the algae has disappeared. This is probably from the fountains oxygenating the water each night.



With only a few boats there were still some collisions. The odd strong gust also caused some broaching and diving.



My Prada number 1 gave problems when I tested it this morning: the servos were juddering; so I took club boat 66. One launch was rather heavy and the rig collapsed. It had pulled open the two shroud clips on one side. They didn't break so I could reclip them and continue sailing.

### Next Week(s):

**May 31: Winter Series START**

**June 7: Aggregate Match Race series**

**June 14: Winter Series 2**

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## Simon's Alternate Keel



*From top: Kit, Simon's, Readysset, local poor copy.*

Simon Adamson is a long term member of the NZRYS and is a pattern maker. He has produced an alternate keel bulb that is an accurate replacement for Seawinds.

It had been noted previously that there is some variation, and some inaccuracies, in the standard kit item. In particular, the slot to take the keel blade is slightly offset and is too shallow to give proper blending, it leaves the blade root protruding.

The Readysset bulb is not made of lead and thus has a larger volume to give the same weight.

Simon has spent a large number of hours to produce a far better bulb that can be used on kit Seawinds or as a replacement on Readyssets. It is more accurate, has a better surface finish and it fits the keel blade correctly.

There are a small number immediately available at \$100.00 each.

## Lost and Found

Andy Spirerer had not been to the pond for some months and he discovered that he had left his main hatch behind on the grass at that time. If anyone had picked up a hatch at the end of last year, please check with Andy if it is his.

## Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

