

# Sailing 18 October 2020

## Fun day

It was a lovely warm Spring day, almost Summer, with a nice sailing breeze from the north-east, backing slowly to the north. The pond was quite clean though earlier some children were seen in the far corner throwing sticks and anything else readily to hand into the water.

The AAFL was playing again so the parking was full. There was also a large party group playing football. There were many small children with this group and one fell into the pond.

Ten members turned up for some casual racing, a good turnout considering that this was competing with Bathurst and the All Blacks.

In fact some went away early in order to be in front of the TV in time for the start of the game.

Neil Purcell checked his boat before leaving home and found it working correctly. By the time he got to the pond it had failed again so he took club boat 112 for the races.

A simple course was set and a couple of scratch races were sailed before switching to handicap races. The winning boat was given a lower handicap for the next race.



When the wind backed to be more northerly a new course was set.



*Mike Renner leads away on the downwind*

## Possible Advertisement Work



Bridget talked to me at the pond (photo above) about making an advert that had a small sailing regatta in it. She wanted an additional number of boats such as Electrons or Seawinds. The timing of this may be early November. The location has not been chosen yet but they may want to use Lake Pupuke rather than Onepoto.

Pupuke has quite an amount of 'swan weed' which can stop a boat dead in the water. To sail there we would need a rowing boat provided that could rescue as required.

She sailed my boat for a short time before leaving.

It did seem to be rather vague. I will keep you informed if she contacts me again.

## AGM Proposals and Schedule

The AGM will be held November 1<sup>st</sup> (not 3<sup>rd</sup> as I had last week). This is member's chance to be involved is setting the racing format, suggesting changes in the Seawind class rules or any other aspect of the pond or the club. Please send in your proposals to [Mike@merel.co.nz](mailto:Mike@merel.co.nz).

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### Next Week(s):

**October 25: Labour Day Weekend - fun day**

**November 1: \*\* AGM \*\***

**November 8: Summer Series START**

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