

Sailing 7 March 2021

Aggregate Match Race Series 4

I arrived early today and started raking out the weed around the path. Soon some other members arrived and took over. However, during racing the pond heated and more weed came up, much of it out of reach. Also some blew through from the other pond which went across the course.



The wind was strong, at times there were very strong gusts (left) which caused broaching or prevented tacking. This, along with the weed, made racing very difficult and dominated the results.

My boat played up and seemed to be disconnecting from the transmitter for brief periods which made it turn inappropriately. I pulled out of racing and redid the draw.

John Macaulay had problems with his boat, possibly with his batteries, and took club boat 112.



Tom Clark had his problems. He went ashore in one race. In his race with Rick Royden a strong gust came just as they were to start and they both missed the start line, not being able to point up or tack (above). Later his boat lost control and circled in the middle of the pond until herded back to the path by Rick (below).



Rick Royden and Reuben Muir both won all 4 of their races today. Rick leads the series with four days of maximum points.



New Members

Tony Nissen (left) is sailing his father's Seawind, number 67, while he is building a new kitset boat.

Daniel Leech (below) did sail with us some time ago and is now back with Seawind Readysset number 674.



Replacement Keel Bulbs

Simon Adamson has made another small batch of accurate replacement keel bulbs.

Mike Renner wrote:

I thought I'd have a look at how true the [standard kitset] bulb is fore and aft. The attached photo (below) tells the story - it's several degrees, maybe 4-5 out of alignment. Or are my eyes out of alignment?!



State of the Pond



The council has put sand and fertilizer on the sports fields over the last couple of weeks. This may explain the weed growth recently. The pile at the west entrance (above) was taken a couple of weeks ago.

We may need a working bee to drag chains and use long rakes to clear the current crop.

Richard Plinston, President NZRYS

Next Week(s):

March 14: Autumn Series 4

March 21: Autumn Series 5

March 28: Autumn Series 6

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