

# Sailing 14 March 2021

## State of the Pond



There was weed all along the path and out as far as the first row of buoys in places. There were many patches of weed across the pond and some around several of the buoys.

Complaints have been lodged with the council to, at least, ensure that the fountains are working as these oxygenate the pond and this helps keeping the weed growth under control.

I arrived early with several rakes, including one 12 foot long, and started raking out the weed. Others arrived and joined in, as here with Bruce, Rick and Neil. Most of the weed along the path was raked out with only a few patches out of reach of the longest rake.

## Autumn Series 4

Racing was abandoned by the racing committee today. The wind was almost non-existent and was, at best, occasional. It was also from any direction. While we had cleared much of the weed along the path there were still rafts of it over the course and some around many of the buoys and this affected most of the boats at one time or another.

A short course was set to avoid much of the weed rafts and the buoys with weed around them and some racing was attempted. The race committee conferred and decided that they would review at 2:30. When this time was reached they decided that the conditions were such that they would abandon racing for the day as too much weed was being caught and the wind was inadequate for fair racing.



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### Next Week(s):

**March 21: Autumn Series 5**

**March 28: Autumn Series 6**

**April 4: Easter - fun day**

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