

Sailing April 19

Autumn Series flight 2

Attractions such as the Hamilton V8 racing and the cold wind kept some members away so there were nine members racing.

A zig zag course was set to ensure that there would be adequate windward legs no matter which way the shifts went.

In the first race I collided with Geoff, my fault, at the start and caught on a cleat. Fortunately the boats came to our side and were freed. Meanwhile Brett had taken a good lead and increased this all the way around. Geoff and I (after penalty turn) trailed well behind but working the shifts we pulled back into the placings.

Ivan took the 2nd race with Neil on his heels. Neil then won the 3rd race with Brett close behind and threatening all the way to the line.

Peter Andrews won the 4 while I won the fifth with Geoff a close 2nd in both of these. In the final race Peter Andrews managed to keep Peter Vernon at bay to win.

Totaling the day's score gave Peter Andrews and Geoff McGill equal top with 11 and myself one point behind. Ivan, Neil and Brett took the next 3 places with just one point separating them.

With the wind varying and shifting it was possible to go from last to the front, and vice versa, in a leg or two.



When the wind dies the boats bunch up around the marks.

Seawind For Sale

Neil Purcell is sailing his new Seawind and will sell his previous one. The boat is complete with radio and is in good condition. Priced at \$450.00 neg. Contact Neil at 444-7777 during work hours.

Other News:

John Crawford is building a Carbon Fibre Seawind and will be joining and bringing it along when he has it finished.

Paul & Paulette Taylor have bought a Seawind with number ITA 45.

The Aucklander of April 9 had an article on a complaint that had been made about radio controlled planes at Onepoto. See the web site for a scan of the article in the Onepoto section.

New Radio set.

Harry Bowles has changed to using a 2.4MHz radio setup on Highwayman 48 with a Spektrum DX5e transmitter and receiver set. The 2.4MHz band equipment seeks out a free channel when switched on, because the receiver is 'bound' to the transmitter another 2.4MHz set cannot interfere or take control. There are 79 channels available in NZ so there is usually no problem in finding a free one within the range of the equipment. No more crystals, clashes of frequency or random interference or crosstalk.

Range is entirely 'line of sight', it will be interesting to see what will break the connection.

The DX5e is a new set that has been built to fit a lower price point, they are \$240 in Hobby City, than computer based transmitters while retaining many of the features. It is a 5 channel set but only two may be used on the Seawind. The set is available with Mode 1 or Mode 2, this refers to the layout of the control sticks. To have sail control on the left and rudder on the right the Mode 2 set is required.

State of the Pond:

Some weed has been growing near the path and I raked some out to give a clear launch area. The SG is up slightly to 1.018.

Next Week:

Anzac weekend, so fun day sailing.

Aggregate Match racing on May 3.

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