

## Sailing August 9

### Winter Series round 4

The wind was quite strong a strong easterly in the morning. It was even giving the Electrons some problems. Just on 2pm there was a gust over 20 knots but the general trend during the afternoon was moderating and it was mostly a nice breeze.

14 members were ready for the racing. The course was set with a couple of windward legs but no cross-overs, and keeping the turns away from the edges to reduce problems in the higher winds.

Kevin Webb won the first race and had enough 2nd and 3rds to have the best day score, his 2nd in a row in this series, of just 10 points. This gives him an overall lead, unseating Geoff McGill by just 1 point. Geoff hangs onto series 2nd.

Last week I adjusted the sails of Paul Taylor's 45 and this week Paul won two races to earn him the 2nd best day score of 16. Well done Paul.

Also on a day score of 16 is Peter Andrews and this keeps his 3rd series placing.

Brett Bakewell-White also had two race wins, but also had some problems, winding up ashore in a race and having his rudder invert from a collision in another.

Bruce Watson won one race and was just 1 point back on the day score at 17 and this makes him 4th overall.

With the wind gusting up there were several collisions and other problems, plus a few hanging up on buoys. Neil had the mast of 6 come down, apparently from a rigging knot failure.

A good day's sailing, but a rather cold wind.

### Collisions:

There were occasions where boats locked together. This can happen when the cleats on the booms can hook onto a shroud of another boat. The designed position of these cleats on the main and jib boom is towards the rear end where it can swing out and hook onto rigging.

If the cleat is moved forward so that it is always within the deck edge, or to above or below the boom so it cannot catch, then lock ups will be less likely.

## Seawind Rebuild, Episode 1

In spite of having a new Seawind kit sitting in my basement I have bought a second hand boat and will be rebuilding it. First I will take it apart.

The rig came off easily. The masthead, spreaders and boom fittings were removed and the main slid out of the track. The mast had a sideways bend so I started to straighten it.



The result was a typical Seawind mast break. Right at the bottom of the bronze jointer, just where moisture will accumulate, the dissimilar metals

have corroded the aluminum and eaten almost completely through the mast walls.

This happened to my current boat a couple of years ago and I repaired it with an internal splint. The repair has lasted well so I will try again.

### State of the Pond:

The new toilet block has been started with the building site fenced off and the foundations being prepared. Photo on web site, Onepoto setion.

Carol and I tested the pond water today, results will be on the Wai Care site later this week.

### Other News:

Robert Williams, the founder of the club back in 1994, was at the pond. He has an archive of documents from those times which he is collating and will pass on to the club.

Bill Monaghan has sold 42 to Bevan who had sailed the club boat a couple of weeks ago.

Geof has bought Neil Purcell's 6 for his son in law. Neil will be building a new boat that he has just bought from Hobby City.

### Next Week:

### Winter Series round 5.

All of the rest of the month is Winter Series.

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