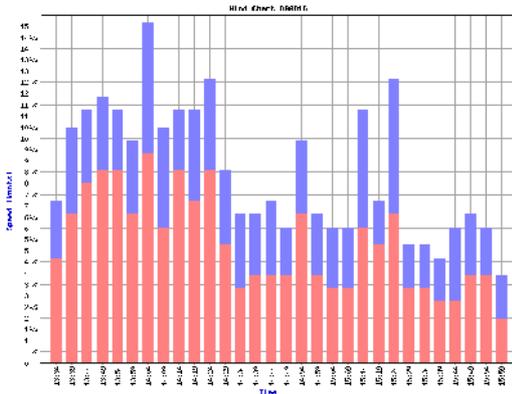


Sailing August 16

Winter Series round 5

As we gathered for the sailing there was a shower and higher winds. Later the wind died away and the rain came.



But 15 members were at the pond for the first race. The numbers dropped away though. Transmitters don't work well when damp. I had to revert to my spare during a race and then that failed too. Bruce's failed so he used the club boat and then that, too, stopped. Several others left due to weather or boat problems so that only 10 boats were in the final race.

Peter Andrews was the only consistent performer having a series of 2nd places to total 10 for the day. Geoff McGill had several 3rds finishing with a day score of 16. Kevin Webb managed a win but totalled 20. These 3 also hold the overall series top 3 places each just one point apart when their best 3 scores are counted.

The other wins were taken by Bill Monaghan, Bruce Watson with the club boat, Jim Clark, Kevin Whitehead and Paul Taylor.

With two more race days to go, the next two weekends, the series results are still open.

In the divisional series results Geoff McGill has now passed me and leads by 1 point in the A division. In B division Kevin Webb leads. In C division Brett Bakewell-White is well ahead.



Seawind Rebuild, Episode 2

The mast had broken when I tried to straighten it.

The corrosion was only around the bottom of the jointer and filing it away left clean metal with only the loss of a millimetre each end.



An internal splint was made from aluminium as this is easy to work on with a disk sander to rough out the

shape and then file to fit. Leaving the surface rough will give a better grip to the epoxy that will be used to rejoin the sections.

State of the Pond:

There was an amount of weed, mostly some sort of sea-lettuce of individual leaves. There were also some small clumps. These were picked up by several boats and this affected their racing.

The chains on the flap valves had rusted through and I have asked the council to replace them. The padlock on the cover over the weir gates has rusted solid and this also will be replaced.

In the meantime the pond cannot be flushed, not that it would do much good at present with the rains still with us. Last year in september the algae flowered. If it does so again this year then flushing will be required.

Web Site Update:

There has been much activity about the clubhouse with items from the Glenfield Rovers, the Resident's Association and the council meetings in the Onepoto Reports section.

The current situation is that the clubhouse removal order is dropped and the negotiations with the AAFL will continue. The Resident's Association are not happy about this.

Next Week:

Winter Series round 6.

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Photo left: Paul leads the last race with Geoff, Peter, Kevin keeping in touch with 2 legs to go.