

Sailing August 30

Winter Series round 7 - Final

Once again the forecast was for rain in the afternoon. There was shower at 1pm but it cleared and the wind died away. But by 2pm the breeze had returned and it looked like it may be a nice north-easterly so a course was set to suit that.

There was a shower in the second race but then in the third race a front went through with high winds and heavy driving rain, the wind switching to north west. This changed the reaches to windward legs and vice versa but with the course board unwritable in the wet it wasn't changed.

This was the final racing day for the Winter Series and the four leading boats in the series were separated by a total of 3 points. Ten members finished in the first race but soon boats and skippers were dropping out, especially after the front soaked everyone. My transmitters fail when they get damp so I put them away and refed the last 3 races. Only 5 finished the last race.

Race wins were spread with Bruce and Geoff taking 2 each, Kevin Webb taking one and Brett another. The best score went to Geoff with just 8 points. Bruce was just 2 points back with 10 and Kevin one more with 11.

The series results had been led by Geoff and his top score for the day sealed the results in his favour. Kevin had been placed 2nd with Bruce 2 points behind. Bruce's final day score was only one point ahead of Kevin so he failed to displace Kevin but did overtake Peter Andrews who was unlucky to have technical problems when the front hit.

Winter Series Final Results:

1st	18	Geoff McGill	45
2nd	30	Kevin Webb	49
3rd	33	Bruce Watson	50

Congratulations to these and thanks to all who sailed in the series to make it enjoyable in spite of the weather and pond condition.



Peter didn't leave his boat in the rubbish bin, though he may have thought about this when it failed.

Seawind Rebuild, Episode 4

Seawinds should be reinforced around the keel box inside as flexing here from will crack the plastic just ahead of the keel socket and this will cause leaks and, ultimately, structural failure.



The rebuild boat does have some small cracks radiating out but not enough to cause problems yet. I made some fine wooden splints to lie alongside the keel box and reach forward to support the hull skin forward of the keel. These were epoxied in place and the glue smeared over

the wood to seal it.



The rear hatch had split. The gluing surface is very narrow and 'Superglue' can become brittle. This joint can split without any outward indication and the water

will leak behind the O-ring. I scraped as much failed glue off as I could and used epoxy to glue it back together with a thick bead around the inside angle to increase the glue surface area.

State of the Pond:

The weed was awful again. The SG is still up at 1.011 in spite of the rain but the dead and rotting weed around the edge is breaking up and causing clumps to catch in the keel.

There is also a small amount of new growth starting. Last year the algae flowered in september.

A weed raking working bee will be held next staurday at 10am. Bring your rakes.

Next Week:

Saturday 5 September 10am:

Work Bee weed clearance

Bring your rake

Sunday: Fathers Day - Fun day

Spring Series starts 13 September

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