

Sailing February 8

Waitangi day weekend fun day sailing.

The heat from Melbourne has arrived, though it probably didn't get to 30 and the breeze was cooling.



I had brought my dingy so we pushed Geoff off in it to clean off the buoy ropes and move the buoys around. Some were moved to the other end of the pond while others just shifted two or three metres.

Moving some a metre or two further from the far shore gave them better accessibility for our use.



Gerald has returned after spending the last few weeks in hospital after a heart attack. His three week holiday in Taupo was lying in bed with nurses attending. He now has a stent so should be fine but in this heat needs to ensure he doesn't get dehydrated.

Several races were sailed, alternating between scratch and divisional handicaps starts, giving a fair spread of results. The adjusted buoy layout giving a good course for the conditions.

A good day for the ten or so who were racing.

Other News:

From Jim Dowler, John's father in California:

I received a call from John two nights ago. He told me that he had fell at work (High Modulus) and broke the heel on one foot, is in a cast, relatively immobile, next doctor's visit on Feb 13th.

Not sure if you were aware of this but he will miss sailing for awhile.

Regards, Jim

* John did turn up today with crutches and without his boat. Sitting on the picnic table he did manage to sail the club boat around the course in some races, sharing it with some visitors. So he'll probably be back racing, just from a static position.

From Akio Utsumi:

I've checked your web-site "<http://azonic.co.nz/NZRYs/index.shtml>" It is an excellent web-site about your activities, and I felt, it is worth sharing with the other SEAWIND enthusiasts world-wide.

In the recent SEAWIND Resource Center forum, there is a topic on visibility of the sails. Forums Home > 1. General Questions > Need to SEE my Seawind
http://www.seawindrc.com/forums/philboard_read.asp?id=873

I felt Mr. John Dowler's Sail Number 11 is one of the excellent boat, worth sharing a photo on this topic. Do you have a good photo of John's Sail number 11 that is showing good visibility of his sail shape?

If yes, I would like to share it (introduce it) in the Seawind RC forum, (with you and John's permission that is...) Or you may post it to the forum yourself, if you wish.

What do you think?

* I have replied with a photo of John's boat that shows the bands with the sail shape revealed.

Next Week:

Return to the Summer Series for a couple of sundays.

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