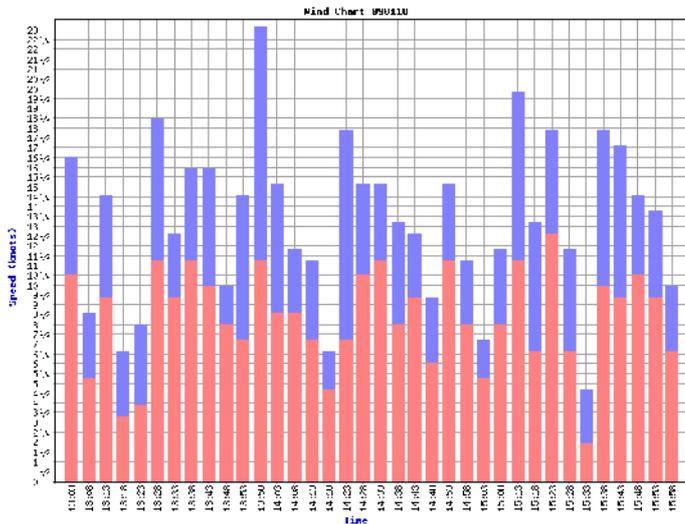


Sailing Jan 18

In the morning there had been rain and high winds but after lunch the rain had blown away leaving gusty winds, the top gust just before sailing was over 23 knots, but it didn't get over 20 during the racing. The pond was clear with no weed at all, a combination of cooler nights and salty water. So the conditions were excellent for those that favour the heavy conditions.



Match Racing Cup 2008

Ivan and Bruce were at the pond early and were ready to have another match race in the best of nine for the Match Racing Cup 2008.

With Bruce back to his ABS boat the start was quite equal. Ivan prefers heavy winds and took an early lead which was not threatened in the two laps.



Next Week:

Auckland Anniversary weekend is a fun day on Sunday.

On Monday Harry and Geoff have suggested a trip back to Gulf Harbour, or at Onepoto, let your preferences be known and I'll announce in next Sunday's notice and on club web page.

Summer Series flight 2

A long course was set around the pond trying to keep cross overs and interaction to a minimum, not always successfully.

Geoff McGill had the best of racing with two wins on the water a 2nd and a 3rd. His umpiring gave an assessed win for a total of 8 points. I won the first race when Geoff was leading at the last mark and I recovered from a shift better to take the win by an inch or two. Ivan, Peter Andrews and Kevin Webb had wins in scores and these three each had total points of 16 to be equal 2nd while I was one point behind with 17.

In the fifth race Ivan was leading at the end of the first lap when a gust rounded some boats on an opposing leg into his path, I passed too close and touched (I did a penalty turn) while John, just behind me, went into Ivan and locked taking the two away from the course until they disconnected. I asked Ivan to protest. The resulting protest committee found disadvantage and gave Ivan an improved finishing position as the average of his other scratch races.



Bruce's carbon boat started to sink in the fifth race. Examining it showed that the keel was raked forward somewhat. He has later reported that it had broken through the top of the keel box and this can be repaired with some glass fibre.

Fortunately Bruce had his ABS 33 to sail the last race.

Brian Basset had arrived after a couple of races without his boat and was able to sail the club boat.

In the difficult conditions the umpires: Peter, Bruce, Geoff, Richard, Kevin and John; did a good job in keeping the racing dispute free.

See web site for more photographs (later).