

## Sailing July 12

### Winter Series round 1

It really has turned to winter. There was a very cold and variable southerly that swept across the pond in gusts. Earlier the gusts got to nearly 20 knots, but the wind was mainly around 8 to 10 and reducing through the afternoon.

Did I mention it was cold, and the pond was up from the rain so it was very wet underfoot. Fortunately it was not up so much to be over the boots when launching, nor was the edge obscured, so it was reasonably safe when launching. John did chip off the tip of his rudder while doing a bad launch though.



At least it didn't rain.

With 10 members racing it made a better start to the series than I thought it may have been. Ivan won the first race of the series which put him as series leader at that point. But Geoff McGill won the next and 5th. John took wins in the 3rd and the last races, Harry having a win in the 4th.

Overall the day went to Geff with just 8 points from his two wins plus an assessed win when he umpired. Bruce was just 4 points away and John just 1 more point back.

With the wind so gusty there were a few collisions with a couple leading to entanglement of masts, but generally the racing was well behaved with the umpires ensuring that all was done fairly.

Trevor Jones, who has recently joined with his new boat, found himself out in front at the start of the handicap races, unnerving as the leader has to pathfind around the course, but some guidance from the umpires kept him from going astray.

### Other items:

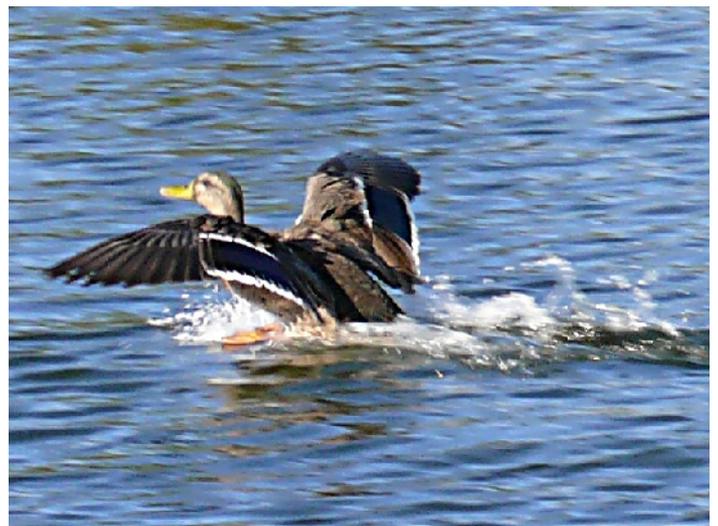
Peter Vernon had some trouble with his electrics. The battery cable plug and socket had corroded and broken. A temporary fix didn't last so he sailed the club boat.

The wiring supplied with the receiver is suitable for aircraft as it is light, but it is not immune from corrosion when in contact with water, especially with salt.

One of the newsletters has an article on replacing this wiring with old computer power supply wires and connectors which are far more suitable as the wire is heavier and plated.

When I have time I will add this item to the document on setting up radio gear that has recently been put up on the web site.

If anyone would like to write articles or other items for the web site then please so send them in.



### Next Week:

#### Winter Series round 2.

Don't forget gumboots and wet weather gear.

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