

Sailing July 26

Winter Series round 3

It almost felt like spring with gentle breeze and sun. Actually the breeze was a little to gentle at the start of the racing but it picked up at times.

The weather was good enough to attract 15 members plus several visitors who sailed the club boat and mine.

Geoff won the first race and the fifth. With a 2nd and an assessed 2nd his day's score was 13. But Kevin Webb managed a better day score of 12 from 2nd and 3rd for the day win. I had two wins to get a day score of 16 for 3rd day total.

New member Trevor Tidman won race 4. Well done Trevor for your first win. I had adjusted Terry's sails to suit the light winds and he won race 6.

Overall series scores, with one round dropped, have Geoff keeping his lead while Kevin holds 2nd. John Dowler has 3rd and Bruce, Peter and I are equal 4th.



There was a hold up of the start of the last race as we awaited Brett and Jim Clark to recover their boats from the shallows after they locked together when competing for the lead in the 5th race.

The boats were out of reach even when a pole was used so Jim had to wade in the black oozing mud. Brett's rigging was loosened for the light winds and the mast came out of its socket.

All was back together for the final race which did run past 4pm.

Seawinds for Sale:

Apparently Hobby City has ABS Seawind kits all up with Hi-Tech RC gear for \$699.

Bill Monaghan is looking to sell 42 as he now sails 7. There was some interest in it at the pond so Bill will bring it next Sunday if it hasn't been sold. Contact Bill directly if interested.

Other items:

Carol and I attended the Community Board meeting at which the Chair proposed items concerning the Soccer Club building. Basically this wanted to overturn the resolution from a year ago that the building be removed, and also that the Council buy the building and discuss with the AAFL that they get a lease.

The Resident's Association were very vocal in opposition to these and at times abusive to the Chair. The resolution made 12 months ago that this be removed within 3 months had not been carried out.

It seems that the Soccer Club have decided that they cannot sell the building as there are too many actual and potential liabilities, such as maintenance and removal costs. They will put it into Council ownership and the Council can lease it or otherwise use it.

State of the Pond

The SG is down to 1.004 due to the rain and I felt that a check for weed was required so I threw the grapnel out in 3 places and found no live weed.

Geoff and I shifted a couple of buoys by dragging them ashore with the grapnel and throwing them back out.

Next Week:

August 2: Aggregate Match Racing

August 9: Winter Series round 4.

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