

## Sailing June 28

### Autumn Series flight 7 - Final

With the weather providing continuous, though light, rain and the forecast indicating more rain and higher winds I was not surprised that only 4 members turned up at the pond by 2pm. Plus there was a prospective member Trevor Jones.

Four competitors, including a race committee member is a quorum. The wind was only 4 to 6 knots easterly, so we sailed the final round of the Autumn series while Trevor tried out the club boat.

The wind did shift and sometimes seemed to be vertical, no matter which way the boat turned the sails flapped, but mostly the wind was moderate and only the rain detracted from the racing. The pond was up over the path so gumboots were required but fortunately the edge was visible.

At the end of last weeks racing there were five boats that could, with a good score, take the series win. The series leader has changed 3 times and now it may change again.

Brett won the days racing with a score of 10 after 2 wins. Kevin Webb was one point behind with one win and one DNF when his sail servo failed in the fifth race. He used the Club Boat in the last race. Just one more point back was Bruce after 2 wins. His boat also failed in the last race.

I managed a win but my transmitter failed in the 5th race giving a DNF. I started with my spare transmitter in the last race but this failed too, no doubt due to dampness. With 2 DNFs I only managed 19 points.

Overall series win goes to Bruce as his score improved to a total of 44. Kevin Webb had led the series earlier, improved to 51 to take 2nd place while Peter Andrews' score of 54 had him hold onto a placing of 3rd.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who competed to make it an enjoyable series.

### Divisional Series

I haven't been reporting on the divisional but the updated results have been on the web site,

Last week Geoff McGill and I were leading A div. and this has only changed by one point due to my DNF. Kevin Webb leads B div. and Brett is ahead in C div.

## Winter Series



The Winter Series starts on July 11 and runs each week, except one Aggregate Match racing day on August 2, until the final on August 30.

This gives 7 racing days of which the best 4 days results count to the series total.

The winner will be presented the Hobby

City Cup, illustrated here, which is currently held by Paul Goddard. The winner also gets a miniature cup to keep. 2nd and 3rd place getters will receive a trophy similar to those shown.

This starts will all scores equal, so tune you boat and get along to the pond on as many days as possible to get your scores on the sheet.

### State of the Pond:

The fountains are still not working and the fountain heads are not fitted. The northern one is still not visible but the eastern does show as it is pumping out water.

Mark Steele of the Ancient Mariners sent in a complaint that a couple of the boats had run into the fountain because it was not marked.

### Web Site update:

I have finally put up a gallery of last weeks sailing, but there will be none for this week as no photos this week due to conditions.

I have written an article on setting up RC gear for Seawinds and put it in the Tech section. This covers how to modify the transmitter for sail control, setting up the servos and much else. It is aimed at beginners to get them started correctly and will be added to. Please send in your suggestions.

### Next Week:

Aggregate Match Racing on 4th July.

Winter Series starts 11th July.

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