

Sailing May 3

Aggregate Match Racing

A really nice day with a good breeze and blue skies. The Catalina gave a fly over, there were plenty of people walking in the park

Nine members were at the pond for the match racing including 3 boats new to the club: John Crawford's new 43, John McCaulay's 58, and Paul Taylor's Prada ITA45.

John McCauley has been a member for some months and has been at the pond several times but now, after his hip operation, has brought his boat along and will be sailing with us.

Keith Keesing also turned out to watch the racing. He was a member several years ago and may get his Seawind back into action to rejoin.

With a southerly wind the long arm of the pond could be used as a course, though the wind sometimes was rather calmer at the extremities around the marks. Mostly two races could be on the course at a time so that we finished all the rounds just before 4pm.

Geoff and Neil both had clean sweeps, winning all 4 of their races. After losing to Neil in a close race I won 3. Paul Taylor and John McCaulay both won 2 races each on their first time match racing which is an excellent start to their racing.

John Crawford has some technical problems with the new boat and used the club boat.

Kevin Webb was using 'Green Onion' while he is refinishing 'Guinness' and has decided that he needs to get that back into action before competitive racing resumes.

A couple of fleet races rounded off a very good day of sailing.



Paul Taylor and ITA 45

Memberships:

John Crawford has joined the club. His Carbon Fibre Seawind will be bearing the number 43.



John Crawford's Carbon 43



John McCaulay's 58

Web Site update:

Geoff Atkinson sent a link to an explanation of 2.4GHz Radio Control systems and I have added this to the links section.

<http://www.rcmodelreviews.com/spreadspectrum01.shtml>

State of the Pond:

The rain has dropped the SG to 1.012 but the colder weather should keep the weed growth down. I raked some more away from along the path.

Next Week:

Mother's Day fun sailing May 10.

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