

## Sailing May 17

Last weekend was Mother's day so it was not a series race day. Ten member turned up and we had some races around a course that seemingly zig-zagged over the whole pond. Just after 3pm the rain started so we all went home.

### Autumn Series flight 3

It seems that it is taking forever for the Autumn series the first race day was back in March and this is just the 3rd in the middle of May.

This day was a stiff north-westerly which once gusted up to 19 knots and in the last race died away in advance of a light shower.

With a NW wind it is difficult to set a windward start so a close reach to the green was followed by zig zagging in various directions to give 3 windward legs using all the pond.

A number of boats had problems. Paul Taylor and John McCaulay both failed with radio problems. Neil's survived the first race but he grabbed the club boat for the rest and got that adjusted to suit the winds after a couple of races trailing the fleet.

David also had problems and he left early. Finally Geoff's boat succumbed in the 5th with the rudder setting itself hard over. He managed with the club boat while Neil umpired.

Most of these problems are likely to be caused by water in the electronics and perhaps some corrosion in the wiring. Bag the electronics and check the wiring, especially where it is unplated copper as this is highly liable to black wire corrosion and it becomes easily broken.

Kevin Webb had the best result of the day, 10, with a couple of wins and a second with an assessed second for his umpiring. Ivan had a good day in the windier conditions being just 3 points behind on 13 with a string of seconds and a third. Peter followed with a set of thirds and a fifth giving a total of 17.

John Dowler is back, still hobbling in his ankle support boot but much more mobile. He had a variable set of results that included a win in the final race, and managed to get a day's score just 2 behind Ivan for fourth.

Brett had two wins but pointed out that these were in the handicap races so won't degrade his handicap. There is a 'Sandbagger's Trophy'.

A good days' sailing for those whose boat held up in the conditions.

### Members:

New member Jim Clark is currently building his new boat that he has bought.



John Dowler returns with his foot still in his boot.

### Other News:

The Korean Garden has been approved for Barry's Point Road reclamation (it used to be a rubbish tip). The request at Onepoto was for 2,500 sq metres, at the new site 1 hectare (10,000m<sup>2</sup>) has been requested and approved. There is also a request from the Chinese community for a similar scheme.

It is fortunate that the Community Board saw that Onepoto was completely unsuitable and that Barry's Point was the place for these gardens.

### Web Site update:

Gallery has a couple of photos taken by Daniel Adamson last week and a photo of the drowned out fountains.

The Onepoto section has been revised into several pages.

### State of the Pond:

Last week the SG had dropped to 1.006 after the heavy rains. The pond level was also up just over the path as the inflow was keeping ahead of the outflow, this had the level above the fountain heads so there was just a slight burble from those. Photos on web site in the Onepoto section.

This week it was back up to 1.013 thanks to the fountains helping distribute the overspill.

### Next Week:

**Autumn Series** continues.

The following week is Queen's Birthday, so a fun day sailing. Also that weekend will Model-X at Akoranga YMCA.

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