

Sailing November 8

Spring Series 7 - FINAL:

The pond looked nice and clean, but there was some weed drifting around which did affect many boats. There was a nice SW breeze which did die away at times but gave good racing.

10 members turned out. Brian had his new boat which he had bought on Trade-Me and had restored, but the rudder turned on its shaft so it was put away and Brian used the club boat. Actually he used the club boat for 3 races and then a collision tore away the jib sheet.

Race wins were well spread around with one each to Kevin Webb, Kevin Whitehead, Geoff McGill, Geoff Atkinson, Bruce and Peter Andrews. Bruce took the top day score with 12, Kevin Webb and I were one point behind with 13 and Geoff McGill was two back for 4th day total.



Peter Andrews and Kevin Webb vying for race 6
In the overall series Geoff had taken an unbeatable lead last week and had now improved this by 2 points to 38 for his 4 best. With my 13 I was able to discard a 23 score to improve to 58, enough to get a series 2nd place pushing Peter Andrews on 59 into 3rd by one point. Kevin Webb was just one point back on 60 for 4th.

A good sailing day with close results to finish the series. Congratulations to Geoff and thanks to all.

Spring Series Final Results:

1st	Geoff McGill	18	38
2nd	Richard Plinston	100	58
3rd	Peter Andrews	21	59



Collisions cost races.

Match Race Cup 2009:

Geoff McGill won the Aggregate Series and was thus the challenger for the Match Race Cup with Bruce Watson, the 2008 winner, the defender.



Today they had their first race (again*) in the best of 9 series. The wind was nicely in the south-west and adequate in strength so a fair course could be laid. A toss of a coin gave Bruce the starboard start.

Bruce was slightly ahead at the start and covered well to keep ahead throughout giving him the first win.

* previously they had started and cancelled a race due to weed.

Work on the Pond:

The pond was drained wednesday afternoon and overnight so that the work on the new fountain intake could be done. A digger made a new trench between the underground pump room and the pond and a 5 metre galvanised steel former was concreted in place.

As all had gone well the pond could be refilled thursday night so the boards were put back and the flap valves opened.

Friday morning at high tide I could close the flaps as the pond was up to the weir gate level. When I checked at low tide in the afternoon the weir was leaking badly, a stick had lodged under the boards. I managed to drag this out and reseated the boards. a little adjustment reduced the leakage at the sides.

Next Week:

TBA for next two weeks.

AGM on November 29 3pm at Onepoto soccer clubrooms.

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