

Sailing 5 October

Aggregate Match Racing Series final.

The wind was too strong for sailing. The maximum gust recorded between 1pm and 2pm was 28 knots. Just before 2pm the wind speed was around 13 knots but it was gusting over 20.

Nine members had turned up for the sailing but it was cancelled. John, Geoff Atkinson and Kevin Web did some sailing but sometimes struggled in the gusts.

The results will be as at last Aggregate day. Bruce Watson has won with a best 6 total of 41 points. Geoff McGill was 2nd with 40 points and I was 3rd with 39 points.

Bruce is the challenger for the Match Racing Cup and will sail a best of 9 series against the defender who will be either Ivan or David who still have one more race to complete last years Cup final.

Correction:

Last week I said: "The series leaders after 3 flights are Kevin Webb and Geoff McGill with equal scores." That was of course incorrect, as could be seen in the results page, it is Harry and Geoff on equal top score. Both of these are in B division, at least they are for this series.

State of the Pond:

The fountains have been installed, well, almost completed. The new pump and plumbing is installed and just requires the electrician. The pipework has been trenched in, and the fountain bases installed. The pond had been drained all week and was as low as it would go without pumping.

On Friday afternoon I replaced the weir boards and opened the flap valves to fill it again. The tides were timed badly and as I didn't want to go to make adjustments at 2am I left it to look after itself. At least the tides were quite high and would overspill the weir. By Saturday afternoon it was still 200mm below usual level but a high tide overnight had it filled.

The weed is still growing having appeared just 2 weeks ago. The SG on the filling is just 1.010, which is not enough yet. I may need to empty and refill again over the next week.

Next Week:

Spring Series continues with flight 4. This series will count the best 4 days of the 7 scheduled, so if you haven't yet sailed in this series there is still an opportunity to join in and get 4 scores.



The new pump installed in the underground pump house.



John and Geoff in a gust.

