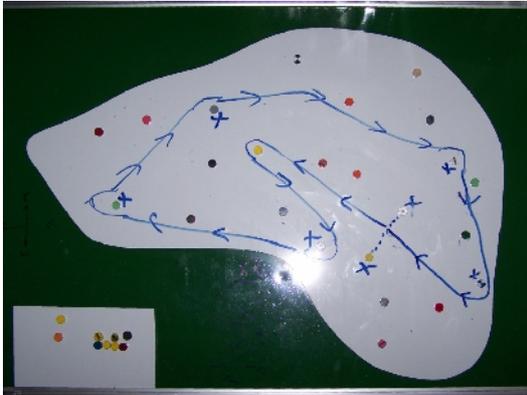


Sailing September 20

Spring Series round 2:

15 members were at the pond along with a nice breeze and a clearing sky.

With the north-easterly a course was set to give two windward legs and use all the pond without cross overs.



With the number of boats starting the start line could have been a little longer as there were some incidents on the scratch races.

I raced 100 with a couple of wins. Kevin Webb improved his position steadily during racing and won the last two races. We tied for best day score with 17 each. Bill Monaghan won one race and was just one point behind with his day score.

Bill may have done better but in one race his sheet got caught in the mast step and when the boat came to the curb it was going rather faster than required and Bill dropped his transmitter with some batteries going in the pond.

Brian Basset won race 4, well done Brian.



100 being chased by Toot.

Geoff Atkinson had brought along Toot and this, along with the club boat and mine, was used by some visitors to the pond.

State of the Pond:

With the flap valves set nicely the SG is up to 1.020 so this should control the algae.

Avoiding snags

If the sheet gets caught over an object this will ruin the set of the sails and lose races.



If there is a steering rod on the port side it may catch the sheet on the joint. This can be avoided by having a rubber band between the sail servo attachment post and the rear support post.



The sheet can fall over the wheels if these are fitted, especially when the boat is laid on the grass. A rubber band between the wheel axles will ensure that the sheet stays between the wheels and can't hook over a wheel.

Bill: another band over the forward winches may stop the sheet catching in the step.

End of Year and AGM:

With the end of the club year coming up soon we need to plan for next year's events. Proposals for these, or on any other matters, should be sent in to the secretary and will be formally discussed at the AGM.

A provisional calendar for next year has been drawn up. It is based on this year's with the dates changed to match the different holidays and assumes that the current series format is carried forward.



Other News:

It is Battle of Britain Day. There was an airshow at Ardmore and these, plus a photo plane, overflew Onepoto and Auckland after 4pm.

Next Week:

Daylight saving:

NZDT starts again early on Sunday 27th September. If you don't set your clocks forward by one hour then you may be late for the racing.

Spring Series round 3

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