



QLYC....Summer Series – Ray Maki Race 5 Sat December 15, 2012

Just “Imagine” a race like this! A stocking filler!

Not long till Xmas and whilst the elves are doing their stuff ... the sailors at QLYC are preparing to give the handicaps a nudge as we approach “the day of the Pudding”.

At the 1200 briefing, in front of the harbor office, we saw a somewhat reduced number of sailors, some of our friends had decamped to shopping centres far and wide for the day we believe!!



But the attentive Sailing Captain Ian Curtis fought on and conducted the race briefing.

The weather had calmed down from the morning storm and promised to further moderate to 10 to 15 knots by mid-afternoon and with a strong flood tide it promised to make the racing interesting and tactics would play a large part in the outcome.

Ian and Bev Lee again officiated as the Officers of the day (thanks again for their able assistance). And the course chosen was number “4” of the prearranged courses from the winter series.

This course would see the fleet headed into Lonsdale Bight, then back to Swan Spit. The remainder of the course being along Swan Island to Drapers Pile and back to Grass beds twice.

Six yachts faced the starter with Division 1 including Drizabone and Tiercel....Division 2 with Wave Dancer and Chinon, and finally Division 3 had Imagine and Sundance.

The enthusiasm of the competing yachts made up for the lack of numbers in each division. The crew of Sundance was augmented by three visitors from the North West of the state being Lee Cadzow, Terry Monahan and John’s brother Carl.

At the third division start, Imagine got a great line, but Sundance thinking the pin end was a go, got below the mark and needed to go around to successfully follow the lead of Imagine.

At the first mark we saw Chinon leading from Wave Dancer and back to Imagine.



By the second mark at the Marine Park (outer mark) in Lonsdale Bight, the order was Chinon followed by Sundance, with Imagine followed by Wave Dancer.

At the rear of the fleet Tiercel and Drizabone were finding the flood current a bit of a hand full in the conditions. Tiercel finally pulling the pin as conditions of tide and wind took their toll.



As anticipated the wind strength dropped to around 12 Kts and this allowed yachts to raise their spinnakers for the leg from the Marine Park (inner mark) back to the Grass Beds and up to the leeward mark in Swan Spit.

The order of the yachts at this stage remained unchanged.

The Passage to the leeward mark was notable for Imagine as she pulled out all stops to catch Sundance.

To maximize sail area she flew both a large jib and the asymmetrical spinnaker together.

Unfortunately some confusion on deck saw the asymmetrical in the water at the bow the trailed aft as attempts to wrestle it on board. Cries of "it's a bit early for prawn trawling" could be heard.

Finally given the conditions, the course was shortened at Grass beds on the second pass.

The results show the handicapping allowed a very close race on corrected time with an even course of all points of sail.



Line honours went to Sundance with Imagine second and Chinon third.

However on handicap it was Imagine with Chris Laker and Gus Rogers triumphant (finally) in a race with small impacts. They were followed by Wave Dancer (second) and Chinon (third).

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"IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE WILL BE GETTING WHAT THEY WANT THIS YEAR...SOMEBODY POSTED MY CREDIT CARD NUMBER ON THE INTERNET!"

Our old friend has struck a few problems this year soplease treat yourself on Santa as shown!! Best wishes with that one!!

**Next Club Race - Saturday December 22nd
THE RAY MAKI SERIES RACE 6.**

**First start 1-30 PM, Briefing and sign-on
NOON in front of the Queenscliff Harbour
Office.**