



## QLYC....Summer Series – Ray Maki Race 2 November 3, 2012

### A race for all seasons and skippers!!

Here we are approaching Cup Day and the fleet turned out in force.

Quick congratulations to John Barry and Sundance who took on the might of Geelong Trailable YC and visitors last week in the Queenscliff to Geelong Race (Division 4), and won the Division with line honours before having the rescue boat deliver the winning trophy and gold to the crew ...then hightailing it and sailing home to Queenscliff. Nice work lads!!

A patchy, cloudy and somewhat calm day as the skippers and crew assembled for briefing under the new Club Burgee flying from the Harbour Flag Staff.



Commodore Jill addressed everyone as OOD for the day with current news of the club which included the recently agreed CSO "Community Service Order" with QHPL in exchange for free berthing of Swan Rescue, annual haul outs of Swan and use of harbour facilities for club events.



Additionally the "Boat Messabout" day on Sunday at the club house was discussed with BBQ lunch and afternoon of OTB activities for members and the community.

Next week there will be ten army personnel sailing with the fleet and skippers are requested to assist by taking one or more with them as crew!



Back to racing and ten skippers and vessels signed on for a course to suit a south easterly in course No7. (Grass Beds, QA, Wedge, Drapers, Crk Pile, Grass Beds, QA, Wedge, Drapers, Wedge, Drapers and finish at Grass Beds.)

A lack of wind put the start back ten minutes at the OOD (Jill and Jennifer) request....and finally with a bare five knots the race kicked off in a fair flood tide giving some yachts grief if they went below the start line.

In Div One Rosie and Drizabone started admirably .....but in Div Two it was somewhat different!!

At the start as can be seen, (the Grub has it on record), and photos never lie!...There was some confusion and Christabelle collided with the bow of Swan Rescue courtesy of a strong that tide drove her forcefully into Swan's bow and with crew pushing her off the OOD reminded the Skipper to do a penalty!



However, the required penalty was not done, so the OOD recorded a "DSQ" against Christabelle on the race sheet.

Tiercel missed the start and drifted down below the line and only made the line after the Third Div had started.

At the Third Div start both Sundance and Kinsale approached in unison with both yachts making the line right on the hooter! (Well sailed!) And Imagine taking a few yards to make the line.

At the first mark (QA), Wave Dancer was already taking charge of the race with Rosie and Drizabone vying for a spot in front.

By the first lap Wave Dancer was forging and leading but could not shake off his two friends!! Div two boats in Maud, Fancy and Christabelle were flying and taking a good part in the field. Tiercel was battling the tide which had picked up and had been sent packing by the fleet ahead. With the wind freshening in the latter half of the race things looked promising but it was a little too late.

The second and last lap of the course proved to be a procession of yachts which had settled into a stern chaser with Sundance leading over Kinsale and Rosie and Drizabone enjoying a strongly contested tussle.

At the end and after a slight altercation with the Ferry at the creek Sundance was first over the line with Kinsale following.



On handicap it was Wave Dancer with Dave Hatton winning by just under 3 minutes from Rosie with Drizabone in third a further 2 plus minutes behind. Welcome back to Scott Crisp and Tom Fricke after a long winter in hiding!!

Last home was Imagine with Chris Laker and Gus Rogers, a

lonely 22 minutes behind the winners on handicap! And of course, there was Christabelle with DSQ for belting the rescue boat without taking a penalty and lastly Tiercel for a DNF over time.

Finally, there is a good list of starters for the "Mishap Award" in the first few races this season....



**Remember:** Next week it is a Stern Chaser with Ray Maki Race 3 in the series, and briefing at Middy.

We will be hosting Army staff for crew, so be prepared to add at least one to your numbers, and remember first in best dressed, with those who will be best equipped and knowledgeable in the art of sailing!!

