



Cec Anderson Series – Race 2

January 28, 2012

One of our most beautiful sailing days this season....!



The day was bright and breezy.....start of a poem!!

This was the day to be out on the water and sailing with our club....a magnificent day with breezes up to 15 knots and calm seas....and a lot of people wanting to sail!

At briefing Commodore Jill commended everyone on such a fabulous effort at the OTB sailing spectacular last Sunday at the club as per her report on the website. Around 130 people enjoyed the club and took advantage of the facilities and offerings of the craft loaned for the day.



Sailing Captain Ian Curtis then took us through the necessities of the day with Rick Gower and Jock Lee taking the helm of Swan Rescue ably assisted by Jennifer Gilbert.

The course for the day took the fleet from Grass Beds around the point into the Bight around the inner and outer Parks

yellow marks onto Pope's Eye Pile down to GB to Wedge return to GB off to QA and return to finish at GB.

At the start Div 1 got away well with a close one between Rosie and Nellie alongside Tintagel.

In Div 2 a spectacular sight of coua boats mixing it with the others in a tight start.

And as normal a Div 3 start by lone soldier Sundance made the effort required difficult with most of the fleet well on their way toward Drapers.

The sail down and around the Parks buoys across the Bight was spectacular with a mixed fleet of 12 boats in a long line through the Bight. The spectators along the shore line and in the car park must have had the ultimate view of the fleet.



Favourable tide and wind conditions made for a lovely sight as the fleet drove from the Bight across the lower bay to Pope's Eye Pile and returned to Queenscliff.

At the head of the field around Pope's Eye, it was Sundance that just pipped Zen, to round the mark although Zen, using a quick spinnaker, overhauled Sundance who had a spinnaker problem going down to the Grass Beds mark.

Thereafter it was a race lead by Sundance with Zen only a few minutes behind to finish the race.

The Couta's fought a great battle between themselves with Maud, Drizabone and Fancy making it a match race with Rosie and Nellie fighting a separate battle.



From an Editors perspective there was little evidence of mishap, misfortune and incident to report.

John Barry aided the editor with sailing through

and around the fleet as the last half of the fleet sailed home enabling some really nice photos to be taken for later publishing.
Nice work lads!

Some decent pics below of our Couta friends in "Fancy" with Paul at the helm "In Irons" at QA, abruptly 'parking' in front of Maud who needed a swift hand on the tiller (well done 'Billy' aka Andrew Kidd), and responsive crew work in order to avoid acquiring Fancy as a bowsprit ornament . . . especially in the 3 knot tide . . . a very hairy moment!!

It will be noted that the "Imagine" of Chris Laker and Gus Rogers fame trailed the fleet in Div 3 without entering but our OOD took times in anticipation of creating a handicap for the future.



And at the finish we saw Sundance the victor over Fancy with Zen coming a gracious third on handicap!

Congratulations go to John Barry for a formidable win in lovely conditions....!!

PS. And during the race to Ian and Moyneen Curtis, a granddaughter arrived to Paul and Sarah...congrats from all at QLYC....

