



Cec Anderson Series – Race 3

February 4, 2012

Just how many beautiful sailing days will there be in this season.... Keep em coming Huey!



The weather just keeps getting better for sailing in Port Philip Bay....another beauty!!

The gathering of around 30 sailors at briefing in the harbour was larger than usual and probably the biggest crowd of skippers and sailors seen this season. Nice to see a few new faces or others not seen for a while returning for another sail. Welcome!

Eleven yachts were signed on as the briefing got underway for the Cec Anderson race 3.

A brief opening by our Commodore Jill commenting on great sail last week and congratulating winner, John Barry in Sundance before handing to Club Captain Ian Curtis with relevant details of today's race and weather etc. The weather was a treat with predicted 10 to 15 knots of breeze from the N/E to East and ebb tide to add a little spice to the event.



The course set by Jennifer and David, OOD's for the day, is Grass Beds to Wedge Pile, to Pope's Eye pile, off to Drapers Pile, then Swan Spit to Wedge, QA, Wedge and finally home to Grass Beds.

And as the race is about to get underway a fleet of keelboats from Mornington YC appear down the west channel to round the creek pile and head off to Portsea on their way home....nice spinnakers!!

Tiercel with young Colin Gibbs decides that a cavalier approach to these big boys is more than possible thanks to the power of his big No1 jib and makes a bee line across the bow of one!! Nice!!

Division 1 got away nicely with a little dragging of the chain by Wave Dancer and headed by the Couta's in Nellie, Defiance and Rosie who all took a good windward line to the Wedge.

In Div 2 we saw Maud, Fancy and Zen take off with Tiercel and Drizabone dragging a chain before taking the line....again a good start and plenty of action.





With Div 3 Imagine was taking on Sundance, although a little late out of the blocks in her first 'official' race with QLYC.

From a back markers perspective Sundance was viewing the field with the eyes of "Black Caviar" . . . content to move through the field as she saw fit!!

At the Wedge the field was strung out and it appeared that Zen was making ground with Wave Dancer (Dave Hatton) moving very well out front to round PE and Drapers ahead of the field.

Ian and Bob on Zen made a meal of it with spinnaker not behaving and then more troubles getting the jib up as they approach Drapers.

At this point Sundance leads the field and is watching the field with interest as they come around Drapers and head up to Swan Spit.

Past Swan Spit looking back from Sundance with Imagine being so

far inshore, it was inevitable... and sure enough....Imagine ran aground before doing 360 degrees and continuing...good work Chris!!



By the time the last few legs approach it is Zen and Wave Dancer fighting for second line honours, but in the end Zen is supreme.

At the finish, across the line.... it was Sundance from Imagine with Zen third and Wave Dancer fourth.

But on handicap the honours go to



.....Sundance winning on corrected time by just under a minute from a spectacular second placing of Wave Dancer and Dave Hatton at the helm....(scrubbing hulls makes a difference!).

Please note: for all crews "the Grub" is looking for all instances when things go wrong and mishaps occur....we need info at the editors desk....our confirmation of the title of "Whistleblower" will go to the best informant!!!!