



Cec Anderson Series – Race 4

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The QLYC fleet splits with good results and the weather keeps on coming on!!



Last week was a blowout with Cec Anderson having another day on the water in race 4 in the series whilst our coutas go all out in Geelong to pick a trophy amongst the Victorian fleet.

The weather was predicted to be light and overcast and sailing on Port Philip Bay proved a little testing!!

At briefing for the race there were less faces than normal but the excitement was high for a small fleet but a possible good time on the water.

The Commodore and four of our Cousta Boats (Fancy, Maud, Defiance and Nellie) were in Geelong for the Wooden Boat Show titles to defend our honour!



A short but familiar course was set with Grass Beds to Swan Spit across to Wedge Pile and back to Grass Beds a couple of times around.

But with an easterly turning sou'westerly there was the probability of a reaching course dependant on Huey!

At the start our Div 1 boys in Rosie and Tintagel got away with seconds to spare (note the speed of Tintagel above!! whilst in Div 2 a couple of odd manoeuvres saw a disparate look of distance as the gun sounded.

Div 3 saw a wind change just prior to the start when all looked good for a spinnaker ...alas no go!! Imagine took Sundance to the line and continued to hold a small but decisive lead around the course.

On this first leg, it was a soldiers course and the front runners in Div 1 were making a meal of it. Looking from the backmarkers Div 1 were well into their second leg toward Wedge at the start. Division 1 got the best breeze of the day after the first start with Tintagel reporting that they reached seven (yes! SEVEN) knots on the way to Swan Spit.

Zen and Chinon threw it away crossing the tide after the second passing of Swan Spit.

Others took the better tack and lee-bowed the tide until it looked possible to lay Wedge.

Questions were raised on what happened to Rosie, but a big win several weeks ago meant her handicap has actually increased for next time.

The whole course was an unkind course for the spinnaker fliers.



The wind was fickle at the best of times and moved around as well as coming in very small puffs (using a yachty term).

At the end of the first leg the front markers were well in control taking Swan Spit well before Div 3 arrived at Grass Beds.

During the second leg the wind picked up a little and changed direction a few times. When Sundance and Imagine took Grass Beds it was a sou'wester.....and within 30 metres it was an easterly..."Hey Huey, give us a break"

Again Sundance and Imagine followed Tintagel from Swan Spit to Wedge and taking the south westerly course but fickle winds provided the opportunity for a tacking contest with Imagine having to tack twice to Wedge and Sundance gaining the upper hand..."well done JB"....

At the finish in a shortened course it was Zen on line honours from Chinon with Sundance from Imagine and Tintagel but lastly Rosie!

On handicap our winner was Tintagel in a great win in very trying conditions....congrats to the Treasurer and Handicapper/Club Captain!! More clout on board than the pirates ever carried!!



Please note: for all crews "the Grub" is always looking for instances when things go wrong and/or mishaps occur....all info gratefully received at the editors desk....with the title of "Whistleblower" to be awarded to the best informant!!!!

And we do have a leader in the "Whistleblower Stakes!" so watch this space!!

BUT....the Couta Boat crews in Geelong had a similar weather situation and having put up with this they again raced on Sunday and participated in the "Sail Past" of Wooden Boats...a magnificent spectacle of around 50 boats of all descriptions down to small steam powered vessels....Nice!!

"Fancy" with Paul van Prooyen and crew did the best on Saturday but "Nellie" with **Russ Watson and crew proved it with a win on Sunday and took the "silverware" plus a bottle of wine for "Most Enthusiastic Entrant"** "interpretation needed here!!" Russ now has two silver platescongratulations to Russ and crew. In the placings Maud was next from Fancy with Defiance. Fancy hit a mark and dropped out of contention!

Note: Pic with Defiance trying to take on the big boys in "Sayonara" in the sail past.

