



Cec Anderson Series – Race 5

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Wot a cracker of a day for a race...the best is yet to come!!



After last weeks race it had to be a good one this week with all the hallmarks of great breeze with some swift tides and lots of yachts!

Briefing was quick and provided a few clear examples of optimism amongst our fleet with a few skippers looking for a little upmanship on others and then there were the quiet achievers!



Just look at the concentration on Jock Lee's brow and the thumbs up from Doug Curlewis...there is something in the wind here...mind you behind all those at briefing there is always the unexpected....wot..."An UMPIRE!"



Ten yachts took to the bay for this weeks event which should see the Cec Anderson Series wrapped up.



The course was fairly simple in the expected souwesterly to southerly up to 15 knots!

Grass Beds to Lonsdale Bight, to the Outer Parks Marker to the Inner Parks Marker and around to Swan Spit, back to Grass Beds and off to Swan Spit before a finish at Grass Beds.

At the start is was Div 1 away with Tintagel taking a lead from Rosie tacking out before making for the Bight.



In Div 2 there were five starters with Maud getting an early lead with Chinon close at hand followed by Christabelle, Zen and Tiercel.

In Div 3 it was Sundance at the line with Kinsale ahead of Imagine who was giving everyone a good head start. Changing headsails just before a start does not assist handicappers!

A beautiful charge away from the start and around "Bucket Rock" and up toward Point Lonsdale was a lovely sight with a good line of yachts for those spectators on the shore. And even better when on the return leg spinnakers were launched giving a colourful fleet tracking back to Swan Spit.

Here some places were lost and some gained as the fleet set different sails and courses.

By Swan Spit the fleet had settled and it was clear that Kinsale had the field in her grasp..(true to the Doug Indicator! - above)

There was a great tussle between Christabelle and Maud as they both fought for their lead in this leg. Kinsale was ahead and Sundance could not gain much in these legs. Chinon dropped off as the big boys flexed their muscles!

Again we saw Imagine with Chris Laker testing his strength in Div 3 and in taking an inside line from Swan Spit to Grass Beds allowed the bottom to get a little too close to his keel and ran aground...not the first time either...think that Chris could be heading for some points awarded in the "Mishap Award"!!

Down and around again as the breeze picked up it was clear that the line honours would be Kinsale with Doug Curlewis skippering a nice line.

At the finish it was Kinsale from Sundance with Imagine by 3 minutes ahead of Chinon, Christabelle and Maud.

On handicap it was a clear winner to Christabelle with Rick and Jock enjoying the spoils ahead of a fast finishing Maud of Crofts, Scorgie and Tiller fame. Third was our old friend Tintagel in the hands of Colin and Ian with a Geoff led assistance.

Seems like the concentration of Jock at briefing provided the spirit of the win!!



Congratulations to all on a great race and good sailing in beautiful waters.



Did anyone note the shadow of the McAllisters "Kiandra" in the early part of the race??



And to a just as important part of proceedings....Murray and Julia Mackay's daughter, Jade was married in Queenscliff during the afternoon to that young international sailor Aaron and they headed off to a reception in the harbour with couta boat procession caught on camera by the Grub!! Congratulations Aaron and Jade from all at QLYC.



And Crossy....don't let this happen to you!!



Please note: for all crews "the Grub" is still on the lookout for mishapsall info gratefully received at the editors desk....with the title of "Whistleblower" to be awarded to the best informant!!!! Call the hot line Or the Commodore!

And the leader in the "Whistleblower Stakes!" is still out there watch this space!!