



## Cec Anderson Series – Race 6

Sat April 7, 2012

### Part 1 of the 2 day Easter Regatta .... and good racing!!

There is no doubt that water sports, and yacht racing in particular, have been a focus of attention recently. The Queenscliffe Herald had two good articles involving QLYC in this months edition.

Overnight the weather turned pretty sour and 60 knots was recorded at QCYC with a large number of yachts in residence over the weekend.

In the Queenscliffe to Port Fairy race only three (3) competitors from eight made the distance and one (Inception) sunk with six crew rescued off Port Campbell.

However Saturday turned out as expected with breezes between 10 and 15 knots from the south and fair seas. But it was a little chilly on the bay. . . just check out our Barometer in Russ Watson found wearing a 'Beanie'... nice disguise but dead give away for the temperature of the day!!

At briefing Commodore Jill played Peter Rabbit and hosted the Easter spirit by giving out chocolate easter eggs to all



crews. There did seem to be a little frivolity around the setting of the course for the day with bribery of a sorts!!

Only seven yachts to the course today after a number of crew pulled the pin due to other activities including footy. Imagine was one of these and possibly Kinsale with crews smaller in number.

The course was set as Grass Beds to Drapers, Wedge, Grass Beds, Swan Spit, Drapers, QA and finish at Grass Beds.

Looking at the start.... Div 1 got away well except a delayed response from "Wave Dancer".

Some took starboard and others port tacks toward Drapers, ensuring that tide may play a part in any advantage here.

"Jadda" with Murray, daughter Jade and new husband Aaron, and of course Eddie, looking very fast out of the blocks and seeking some revenge on the handicapper!!

Whoops!

Div 2 looked to be only "Maud" who was not expected to participate after having crew abandonment issues!

But as it turned out Peter and John handled it very well to come in 5<sup>th</sup> on handicap!

And of course Div 3 was a lonely one with "Sundance" getting a good one and taking to the course eagerly.

The early leaders shone in the conditions and set a cracking pace with "Jadda", "Wave Dancer" and "Tintagel" soaking up the conditions and appearing winners at this early stage.

By Drapers to Swan Spit it was "Sundance" that caught "Wave Dancer" but needed additional grunt to get to "Jadda" who was sprinting under the "goosewing" with Murray relaxing at the tiller.

Unfortunately, again, we saw a shortened flag at Drapers.... "Wot!!" and an early finish at 1520 by the leader and line honours to Sundance to finish a great but short race of only 90 minutes!



But to the pointy end of the stick....we had "Jadda" first on handicap followed by "Tintagel" and third "Sundance".



On a lighter note young Russ Watson is doing the bike ride of his life for charity "Ballarat to Port Macquarie" and is raising funds through a "Reverse Raffle" (whatever that means) next Sunday at the Gold Diggers Arms Hotel from 1pm.....tickets are \$100 with the chance of some big cash prizes...65% of money is returned to participants!! Please call him and get into it! 0417 524 863.



And to top it off what was "Nellie" doing scooping stuff from the water before the race today!!

Tomorrow ...Sunday, the racing continues with Day 2 of the Regatta ...be there and enjoy another great day on the Bay!!

**Presentation Night at the Lonsdale Golf Club on May 12<sup>th</sup> is rapidly approaching ....please look out for your invitation and book a table early to ensure your yacht is represented ....**



**Please note: for all crews .... "the Grub" is still on the lookout for mishaps ....all 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!!**