



QLYC...Winter Series – Race 5 September 2, 2012

Another race out of the box – a Father's Day special!!



Spring is sprung...the grass is "ris"...wonder where all the yachties is!!

(Note that the "Grub" was absent on the day and the skipper of Sundance, John Barry has substituted in his stead for journalist of the day!)

A fantastic day with the wind 12 to 17 knots from the north and a slight sea with cloud 1/8th... Perfect spring weather for a charge around the cans

Under a nice flooding tide for the whole race, the yachts, Wave Dancer, Kinsale and Sundance looked to promote the sport given the crowds around Queenscliff on this great Father's Day.

However due to some ill winds our committee boat "Swan" was not available and the lads would take on a "Le Mans" start off Grass Beds at 12 noon!



The course was to be No 6 from the book, with a grass beds start and rounding replaced by the Queenscliff Pier, Swan Spit, Wedge, Queenscliff Pier, for 3 laps.

Competitors, given it was a crew race, were Doug Curlewis with 3 on board, Dave Hatton with two on board and finally John Barry with four on board.

Race start saw the 3 yachts approaching the pier in a line, all were early, so tacking and jibing manoeuvres ensued with a clean start to Sundance and an early lead heading to Swan Spit.

The intention was to sail the first leg and see how conditions progressed. The tide played a large part as the flood maintained its strength for the race.

With the wind remaining moderate during the race and only a small lull half way through Kinsale made a great call on the first leg regaining 2/3rd of her deficit from Sundance between Swan Spit and the Wedge.

Wave dancer doggedly held on to Kinsale's tail all race displaying a fine sense of sail trim and use of the current.

In the end the race was shortened to two legs.

Over the line Sundance leapt to the lead over Kinsale which only pipped Wave Dancer by 4 minutes.

But on handicap it was Wave Dancer with Skipper Dave Hatton, taking the prize over Sundance second and Kinsale third.

Congratulations again to all those that took the time to race and enjoy a great day on the Bay!

Well....on the crew points system the leaders now are Jodi Kemp over Frank McMahon with others trailing ... (However Frank is in qualifying as front runner having sailed on three boats in the series.)



Please note: for all crews "the Grub" would love some photos from other yachts as we need a different perspective sometimes.....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!

