



## QLYC Cec Anderson Series Race 3 Sat February 16 2013.

### “ZEN TAKES OFF!”

With a promise by the Weather Bureau of a warm and sunny day with a light easterly breeze, thirty five sailors (for ten vessels) attended the noon race-briefing at the Queenscliff Harbour.

Club Captain Ian Curtis and OOD Ian Lee briefed the assembly. We were all delighted by the presence of our former Secretary, Dr. Gayle Morris, back from Hong Kong.



Once again, in Division One, *Tiercel* crossed the line ahead of *Indulgence* on the first leg of Course Seven. *Rosie* and *Drizabone* started a little later, and *Rosie* was never able to make up the lost ground. The tide was in the last hour of ebb and with a light easterly breeze all boats worked slowly against the tide towards the Queenscliff Approach Pile (QA) with the next mark being the Wedge Structure on the other side of the West Channel.



After QA *Tiercel* bravely tacked to the south, while the rest of the field stood to the east.

*Drizabone* overhauled *Indulgence* as the faster boats from Divisions Two and Three, *Zen*, and *Imagine* went past to chase *Tiercel*.

Up went *Zen's* spinnaker and she was soon in the lead as the fleet headed across the channel from the Wedge to Draper's Reef Pile.



*Wave Dancer*, *Imagine*, and *Tiercel* all countered with their own spinnakers (or gennakers), but there was no overtaking *Zen* who was probably finished not long after some boats began the second triangle

The fleet became separated into fast boats, not quite so fast boats, and fairly slow boats. The flooding tide and the light easterly breeze made life difficult for the last group as it struggled across tide to the Wedge and then across tide to finish a shortened course at Drapers.



At Drapers, *Tiercel* held her spinnaker at an impossible angle to hold off *Wave Dancer* and *Christabelle* and to become a creditable third across the line.

After *Christabelle's* finish, the committee boat enjoyed a restful interlude until *Drizabone* arrived a quarter of an hour later. Then finished *Indulgence*, *Rosie* and *Lion Heart* (separated by twenty five seconds), and *Maud*.

No amount of handicapping magic, could undo King Neptune's work with wind and tide; the handicap result was almost the same as the finishing time result with jet-engined *Zen* flying home in *Black Caviar* fashion. The performance handicap first four, in order, were *Zen*, *Tiercel*, *Wave Dancer*, and *Imagine*.

**The Next Club Event is The Pivot Carnival Race.**

**23/2/2013. This race will be sailed as a sternchaser, but to allow for handicap correction a finishing time will be taken for each competitor.**