



QLYC Cec Anderson Series Race 4 Sat March 2 2013.

“The Dark Horse Rises!”



Race day dawned warm and sunny with a fresh and gusty easterly breeze. A strong wind warning had been issued and the forecast was for a fresh Easterly rising to thirty knots in the late afternoon.

Club Captain Ian Curtis and OOD Ian Lee briefed.

The crews of *Lion Heart*, *Christabelle*, *Imagine*, *Wave Dancer*, and *Indulgence* were pleasantly surprised by the presence of Commodore Jill and Commodore Brian. Their ship (*Tradition* - Murray McKay) had had to make an urgent return from the Van Diemens Land Circumnavigation. OOD Ian resurrected the white board briefing, saying that new courses were being produced and the old ones were dustbin fodder. Ian's course was **QA (start), Wedge, Drapers, Grassbeds, QA, Wedge, QA, Wedge, Drapers, Grassbeds, QA, Wedge, Grassbeds (finish)**.

Indulgence decided a reefed main and a small jib were the clothes for the day. Struggling by motor out of the Creek, making perhaps one knot against the Flood and the fresh Easterly, she met *Christabelle* retiring. The race had already started so Division One boat *Indulgence* just preceded *Lion Heart* and *Wave Dancer* in Division Two.

At last *Lion Heart* found herself in suitable conditions: she rapidly overhauled the under-canvassed *Indulgence*, and took the lead at the **Wedge**. *Wave Dancer* misjudged the strength of the tide here, but soon overtook *Indulgence* (crew frantically changing jibs) on a broad reach to **Drapers**.

The sole Division Three vessel, *Imagine* started and with foaming bow wave powered through the fleet showing that this was her sort of day, too.



Imagine lapped the fleet as the race proceeded and finished in just over two and one quarter hours.

In a surprising reversal of form, *Lion Heart* beat *Wave Dancer* across the line by nearly seven minutes. *Indulgence* (her crew comforted by the thought that it is better to travel than to arrive) finished thirty three minutes after *Wave Dancer*.



After a surprisingly short bout of handicapping magic, the corrected result was (in order) *Lion Heart, Imagine, Wave Dancer, Indulgence*.

Congratulations to *Lion Heart* skipper, Patrick Roberts. His crew consisted of Frank McMahan, and one of the great stalwarts of QLYC (Life Member, a former Commodore, and sometime Club Champion) Alex Eagleson.

Thank you to our race officers Ian and Bev and Jennifer, and to Ian Lee for photographs.



The Next Club Event is a race for THE IRWIN TROPHY. 9/3/2013. **AND** on **Sunday 10th of March** will be the last of the ***Boat Messabout Days*** for this season. At the **Club House**, starting at **11 AM**, and there will be a **gold coin BBQ Lunch**.