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After a pleasant Christmas /New Year break, Saturday the 7th promised light winds and a hot day, a perfect opportunity to catch the sea breeze and stay cool whilst enjoying a competitive sail.



Frank, as acting Commodore, welcomed the six yachts' crews and hoped they all enjoyed the break and were eager to sail. Jill and Brian sent their best wishes for the New Year (from sunny tassy where they were cruising around Bruny Island, tough life for some). The club had a number of visitors, who were welcomed and from the buzz were excited about the opportunity to sail.

The OOD's Ian, Bev and Jock Lee, briefed those gathered. The committee boat would display the course, which turned out to be No 1. This being an easterly course of Grass Beds, No3 West channel, Swan Spit, Grass Beds, No3 West Channel, Grass Beds, No3 West Channel, Swan Spit and Grass Beds to finish.

Div 1 Saw Drizabone led Fancy across the line, both yachts handling the moderate breeze of about 12kts well, with full sails and a good heel. Scott on Fancy had his two sons as crew, great to see a family competing together.



Drizabone



Fancy



Valentine

Div 3 The division three start was a much more aggressive affair with Imagine covering Sundance to the line using the disturbed air from her sails to slow Sundance, beating her over the line with great boat speed.



Approaching the start line. The view from the helm of Sundance

The first mark rounding order was Valentine followed by Tiercel, Sundance, Imagine, Drizabone and Fancy.



Imagine rounding No3 West channel.

The next mark (Swan Spit) saw Tiercel overtaken by Sundance and Imagine. The run down to Grass beds was closely contested by Sundance and Imagine, with Imagine pressing hard on Sundance to overtake her.



A close quarters situation. Half way to the Grass Beds bouy.

This did not happen as both yachts passed Valentine just before the Grass Beds mark. Sundance emerged first around the mark, staying on port tack heading to No3 West channel.



Rounding Grass beds bouy, Imagine and Valentine left of photo.

After the rounding Imagine tacked on to Starboard to get out of the tide, and away from Sundance's bad air, along the Swan Island Shore. Sundance stayed on Port for a few minutes then tacked on to Starboard to loosely cover Imagine. The duel to No3 continued with Sundance rounding about 40 seconds ahead of Imagine.

The run down to grass beds saw Sundance extend her lead to about 2 minutes, crossing the shortened course finish line first, followed by Imagine, Valentine, Tiercel, Drizabone and Fancy.



Sundance crossing the Finish line, with line honors.

A great day's sail with many thanks to the committee boat crew without whom we would not have raced.

Sorry so many shots are from the deck of Sundance. I had a hat cam on and am trying it out. With Brian away there are no other aspects to show you. If other competitors took a camera we could include these photographs in our report.

The handicap result can be viewed on the web site

See you next Saturday.