



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

Cec Anderson Series - Race 6, Sat April 29, 2017

The last race of the season and what a beauty!! At last!!

A torrid season of sailing with the club was coming to an end with this race after the club had abandoned or cancelled 11 races this season as against 15 completed. Hughie has a lot to answer for this year!

Saturday's race day looked good with a southerly to south westerly breeze around 12 to 15 knots. Just what the doctor ordered although a shower or two may make things damp.

Briefing at Noon in the harbour saw seven skippers and crew assemble to sign on and choose a course for the days racing.

We had a briefing from Commodore Jill for everyone that the presentation night was only three weeks away and that as mentioned previously would be held back at the club house on the 20th May.

Club Captain Brian covered the race day with the intended course to be No.11 along the shores of the bay due to a fairly heavy tide and that if possible we will try to run two races for the day as a catch up over previous weeks.

Our OOD's today are the returning Lee's with Ian indicating the procedure for the two races if we are able.

Signed on today are, Div1 with Drizabone and Rosie, Div2 with Boomaroo, Tiercel and Kinsale3, and in Div3 with Imagine and Sundance, with a total of 3 Vessels and 32 sailors racing.

On the course, the start buoy is a little inshore of the Creek Pile, increasing the tack required to be managed in the No.11 course, which is Grass Beds to Drapers Pile to Grass Beds, Swan Spit, Grass Beds, Drapers, Grass Beds, Drapers and finish at Grass Beds.



At the start with Div1 it was Rosie who took advantage over Drizabone by working the pin end whilst Drizabone headed down and finally worked around Swan to start before tacking to the creek mark.



In Div2 it was a good start with Tiercel showing great form to start ahead of Kinsale3 with Boomaroo tacking behind K3 before their windward chase.

Kinsale3 had a partially furled jib in the conditions which had lifted toward 17 knots at the start.

In Div3 it was Sundance and Imagine vying for the line with Sundance taking the pin end, although Imagine was pressing Sundance toward the Creek Mark early.



Just before the start of Div3, it was the three Div2 yachts that crossed the path of the Queenscliff Ferry, returning a bit later than normal from Sorrento, which stalled her off the Creek Mark and she waited a minute for the three to cross its path before making for her berth. Many thanks for the gesture Skipper and we do try to avoid this situation if possible. Apologies!

With Div3 start it was the Div1 vessels that were returning from Drapers and actively being pursued by the Div2 vessels headed by Kinsale3 toward Drapers.

Imagine was just ahead of Sundance as the pair made the Drapers Mark and with the southerly it was a good run from Drapers to Swan Spit the first time.



Imagine raised the spinnaker and managed to make a gap on Sundance whilst Kinsale3 had a good sail against the Div1 Couta Boats of Rosie and Drizabone.

At Swan Spit the first time it was Imagine still in front of Sundance in a widened gap as Sundance did not run a kite down here.

However, as Sundance chased Imagine around Swan Spit it was Imagine that took a very wide line away from Swan Spit and headed toward the shoreline.... this gap then changed with Sundance suddenly ahead of Imagine and quickly widening the gap in a fresh breeze.



Kinsale3 also went toward shore and apparently on lighter tide with Rosie and Drizabone.



By Grass Beds it was evident that the tighter line held by Boomaroo, Tiercel and Sundance had advanced them in the field and they were now in contention with Rosie and Drizabone going down to Drapers the second time.



Kinsale3 was holding her own ahead of Boomaroo and Tiercel keeping her position safe despite taking a few gusts even with a reduced sail area.

On the fleet return to Drapers for the last time it was Sundance now in front of Imagine by a short margin



and holding off Kinsale3 in gusty conditions, whilst the others had just returned for the end of their second lap to Grass Beds and therefore needed to complete the Drapers to Grass Beds leg to finish.

At the end, it was Sundance finishing ahead of Imagine by just over 2 minutes across the line with Kinsale3 a further 13 minutes astern. Following these were in order Boomaroo, Tiercel, Drizabone and finally Rosie.

Whilst all vessels completed the course within 33 minutes of first to last it was the handicapped results which really showed the competitive nature of the race.

On handicap, it was Sundance that took the race ahead of Kinsale3 in second place whilst Boomaroo took third place followed by Rosie, Imagine, Tiercel and Drizabone.

The handicapped times were within three and half minutes from first to last place.... showing a very tight field finish across the line.



Congratulations to all who took the time and effort to make this last race of the season leading up to presentation night in three weeks at the club.

The Commodore and Committee would love to see all yachts represented at the Annual Presentation Night on Saturday 20th May...at the Club House .. make it a big night for the club. See who wins the "Mishap Award" this year!

Next Club Racing will be the Winter Series held every three weeks on Sunday commencing 18th June and meeting at Lix Café in the harbour at 10am: Remember this is a crew based challenge and relies on crew sailing on different yachts to qualify!



Meet at the harbour at Lix's at 10am starting Sunday 18th June 2017.