



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

Winter Series – Race 1

- Sun June 18, 2017

A fabulous winter day for our first race after a few weeks hiding under the covers!!

This Sunday turned out perfectly for the club with a beautiful "High" centred over or near us for our first winter race given some very poor weather recently.

...but what a day it turned out to be with perfect overcast conditions for a race around the bay off Queenscliff.

As is usual the winter briefing area outside of Lix's Café in the harbour was a reunion, and welcoming of a few different faces to our racing program.....Bill Reynolds from Hobart graced us with his presence being an old committee and sailing member from the 70's and Paul Hewison, who hasn't been seen for a while along with young Finn, sliding in to be the balance crew on Sundance, whilst Tom and Alison were about showing off their recently repainted and refurbished S&S 34 "White" Boomaroo.

Commodore Jill was up farming around Seymour and captain Brian took charge with a short briefing after all crew signed on for the race. The course was a special, given the expected tide and light winds to sail between QA and Drapers in a windward return against what had been expected NW wind turned out to be a SW....bugger!

Skippers should note through the NOR and be reminded of no spinnakers in this the crew based competition.

Signed on skippers were John Barry – Sundance, Boomaroo – Tom Hinton, and Colin Gibbs – Tiercel.

OOD for the day was Brian Golland and apprentice Geoffrey Mathews so all was well on the water with Swan positioning herself in deep water at Grass Beds.

The course was Grass Beds to QA,



Grass Beds, Drapers, GB, QA, Drapers, QA and finish at Grass Beds around 8.39 Nm in length.

With a downwind start and only two divisions, first start at 11.30 with Div2 and Boomaroo took the honours of first across the line with Tiercel crossing the line the wrong way, before tacking and

eventually making a start, some 40 seconds later and headed up to the QA Mark.



With Div3 it was a different story with Sundance way out from the start line, it took John almost a minute to start after the signal although coming at it with some speed.

The battle between the two Boomaroo and Tiercel, really never eventuated as Boomaroo had the jump and was never headed as they sneaked up to QA.

Sundance rounded QA behind the fleet with Boomaroo leading the three toward Grass Beds, making it a tight windward run before heading to the creek pile and down to Drapers.

Sundance followed later, catching the others rather slowly and after rounding Grass Beds, took a quick tack to the west as the ferry was leaving her berth, forcing some time lost here. JB got out of it ... losing a minute or more!!



Boomaroo was going well and Sundance gave some ground here....

At this Grass Beds mark it was Tiercel two minutes behind Boomaroo with Sundance some eight minutes behind Tiercel.



return to Grass Beds with Sundance now six minutes astern of Boomaroo which

was taking it to the faster yacht here.

The fleet had passed Grass Beds for the second last trip to QA before returning... it was Boomaroo still matching the 40footer in Sundance...



Returning to Grass Beds for the final trek to Drapers and return, it was Boomaroo holding a reasonable lead over Sundance, whilst Tiercel had been passed on this leg between QA and Grass Beds by Sundance.

As the fleet approached Grass Beds on the northern trip to QA for the last time, it was Boomaroo which held a boat length at Grass Beds,

and Sundance took the lead just ahead of Boomaroo and Tiercel some seven minutes astern of them.



Rounding QA, the fleet headed to the finish at Grass Beds with Sundance taking line honours ahead of Boomaroo, by just under two minutes, followed later by Tiercel and the Doctor some fifteen minutes in default.

A great opening race for the winter season sailing, with Boomaroo winning on handicap, ahead of Tiercel and Sundance third.

Boomaroo was just over three minutes ahead of Tiercel in second, with Sundance some seven plus minutes in third.



Corrected times, with defaults by skippers in the race were, Sundance losing almost two minutes in both starting and tacking to avoid the ferry, and Tiercel with a missed start of almost a minute, would have seen a slightly different story without any placing difference.

On these latter numbers, over an 8.4Nm course, Sundance had an average speed of 4.07knots, Boomaroo an average of 3.67knots and Tiercel an average of 3.33knots. This speeds in a rough wind speed of 8-9 knots was good which saw tide marginal in the calculation.

Thank you to all participants with 18 crew involved and most back at the club house for hot chips and drinks saw everyone relaxed on a fun day on the water.

On the results, the crew championship is wide open, with the crew of Boomaroo on a single point and leading the competition at this juncture!!



And our thanks to the efforts and support provided by our OOD's Geoffrey and Brian....well done!

Next Club Racing start: Is on....

SUNDAY July 9th with the 2nd race of the Winter Series

Remember this is Crew Contested Racing – so crew get on the winning yacht!! (paid up Club members only!)



Meet at the harbour outside Lix's Café at 10am ...coffee or breakfast before if you are inclined.....

The Crew points after Race 1 Winter 2017 are:

1 Point – Andrew, Suzie, Alison, Jeremy

2 Points – Wendy, Martin, Geoff

3 Points – Frank, Paul, Dave, David, Finn and Ross

