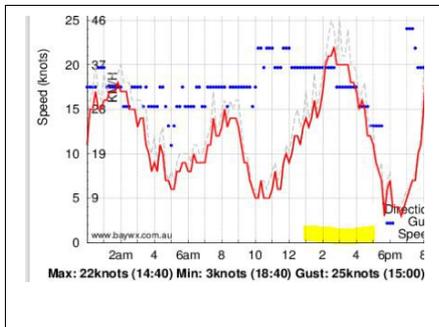


## 20 January 2018 Crew on Helm / Lady Skippers' Race and other weekend activities.

Our racing continues to be limited by family and health priorities with several vessels unavailable this week and, for those that raced, the tides again provided challenges. 7 boats signed on, namely Imagine, Sundance, Tiercel, Boomaroo, Warrior, Rosie and Drizabone. This race is for two potential trophies, "Lady Skippers" for the first boat (on handicap) with a lady skipper and the inaugural "Crew on helm" for the first boat with male crew member skippering. On the water,



course 6 was signalled taking the fleet around Grass Beds, Popes Eye beacon, Wedge and Swan Spit. Thankfully, no heroics occurred at any of the three starts and any dramas were largely within rather than between boats. Again the weather forecast was not highly accurate, the actual wind (at S Channel Fort increasing to well over 20 knots before dropping off. Despite the wind strength, the tidal stream being in the same direction and hence tacking against the tide was hard on the smaller boats. So it went, with slower progress as the wind dropped and Rosie scoring a dnf as the tide beat her.

Over the line, it was pretty much in order of size: Imagine, Sundance, Boomaroo, Tiercel, Drizabone, and Warrior. On handicap, the order was Imagine, Boomaroo, Tiercel, Sundance, Drizabone and Warrior. Imagine being without a Lady Skipper, leaves the Lady Skipper trophy to Alison on Boomaroo. Unfortunately in the aftermath of this excitement, Tom was struck by his heart problem and will still be recovering next week when (we hope) the Commodore's Cup will be run.

| Date      | Race         | Wind str    | Wind dir | Sea                            | OOD                  | I and J Lee    |                             |              |         |         |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|----------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| 20-Jan-18 | Crew on helm | 10-20       | S        | flat to rolling                |                      |                | This race used for H'cap? n |              |         |         |
|           |              | Finish time |          |                                | Elapsed time         |                |                             | Elapsed time |         |         |
| Boat name | hours        | Minutes     | seconds  | Elapsed time (decimal minutes) | Performance Handicap | Corrected time | new handicap                | hours        | minutes | seconds |
| Imagine   | 15           | 35          | 3        | 105.050                        | 0.788                | 82.802         | 0.788                       | 1            | 45      | 3       |
| Boomaroo  | 15           | 50          | 9        | 130.150                        | 0.648                | 84.282         | 0.648                       | 2            | 10      | 9       |
| Tiercel   | 15           | 58          | 17       | 138.293                        | 0.615                | 85.024         | 0.615                       | 2            | 18      | 17      |
| Sundance  | 15           | 43          | 40       | 113.667                        | 0.778                | 88.485         | 0.778                       | 1            | 53      | 40      |
| Drizabone | 16           | 17          | 19       | 167.317                        | 0.547                | 91.476         | 0.547                       | 2            | 47      | 19      |
| Warrior   | 16           | 27          | 56       | 177.933                        | 0.570                | 101.347        | 0.570                       | 2            | 57      | 56      |
| Rosie     | 0            | 0           | 0        | 0.000                          | 0.487                | dnf            | 0.487                       |              |         |         |

The after-race barbeque was a special one with a 'square-rigger' theme and visitors. During the feed, some photos were run of the latest trip of the Tenacious, the largest wooden tall ship still afloat, though the benign weather kept most of the BBQ happily outside on the deck. Then we were treated to a talk on the important and historic vessel Sobraon which later became HMAS Tingira. The speaker was Geoffrey Stephenson, author of "Commanders of Sail" (A magnificent volume of 555 pages) and descendant of the Captain of that vessel. In other lives, Geoffrey was Company Secretary of BHP, previously being instrumental in the start of the Bass Strait oil and gas industry not to mention musician.

Our visitor had been promised a trip out through Port Phillip Heads as part of his researches on the Sobraon and with Boomaroo's skipper hors de combat, this was achieved on Tiercel on Sunday 21 January with a very lumpy exit, a turnaround 3 nm SE of the Heads and a smooth 're-entry'.



Thanks to Ian and Jock on the Swan, to Frank, Jennifer and others for set-up and clear-up of the BBQ and to our illustrious speaker.



Part way up the Tenacious



Our guest Geoffrey on Tenacious