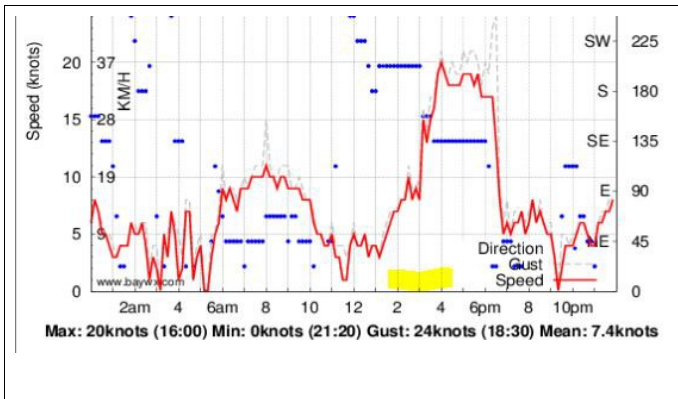


Ray Maki 4. 18 November 2017

Another successful day on the water despite Captain Steve knowing he would have to be a dnf owing to other duties. Briefing included a welcome to Brett and Warrior as well as a request that members check whether they received and found invoices known to have been sent but not always found. BBQ announced for “6.30 for 7”, revised course 8 handed out (Take note skippers who were not present today).



7 Vessels signed on and off to battle. Course 6 was announced. Div 1 vessels had a more crowded start than of late but incident-free. Div 2 also away without incident, with Tiercel giving plenty of room to Valentine with no hope of crossing the line on starboard tack, but both tacking onto port on the 'gun'. Imagine in Div 3 had no competitors fighting for space or right of way, but instead managed to compete with the sea bed, which won for a time.



Some serious work to hold off Drizabone

Despite that, Imagine followed Warrior close inshore, minimising tide, indeed the first part of the race probably hung on decisions about “shortest distance or minimise tide”. Tiercel taking



Welcome return for Warrior

the 'shortest distance' approach caught Warrior just before Popes Eye, but lost it again later. Round Pope's Eye beacon and boats with spinnakers got them up, some efficiently, Tiercel with the usual “work in progress” fiasco particularly at the gybe around the Wedge.

The promised increase in wind was happening and the fleet accomplished the whole course. Wavedancer, having missed out to Tiercel by a 'whisker' the last time had the satisfaction of winning by a whisker this time.

Rapid trips home and, for many, back to Clubhouse for BBQ, enjoyed by all.

