

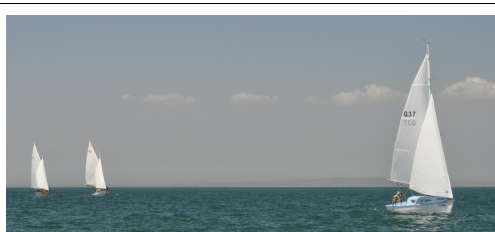
## Cec Anderson Race 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

Well, it was a 'nice' day on the water but, with little wind and strong ebb tide, a challenging rather than exciting one. The wind forecast was realistic for direction (NE to SE) but the promised increase in strength never arrived during the race.

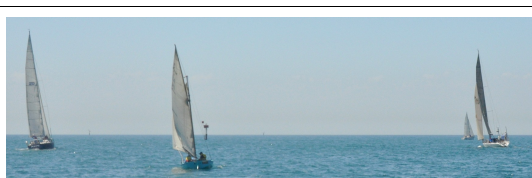
Another good turnout for the day as briefing included skippers and crews of Boomaroo, Drizabone, Imagine, Rosie, Sundance, Tiercel, Tintagel, Valentine and Warrior.



The 'mighty Sundance' winner on the day..

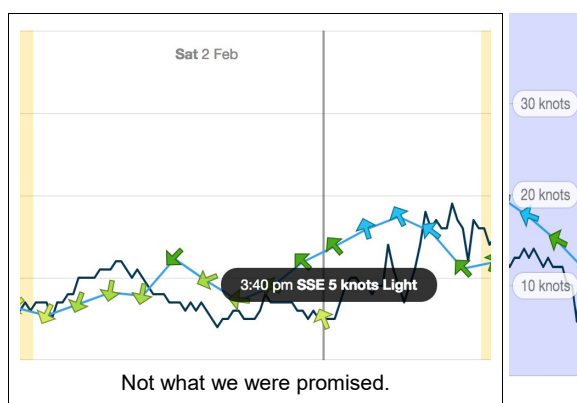


Tintagel keeping out of the bay..



The fleet rounds Swan Spit

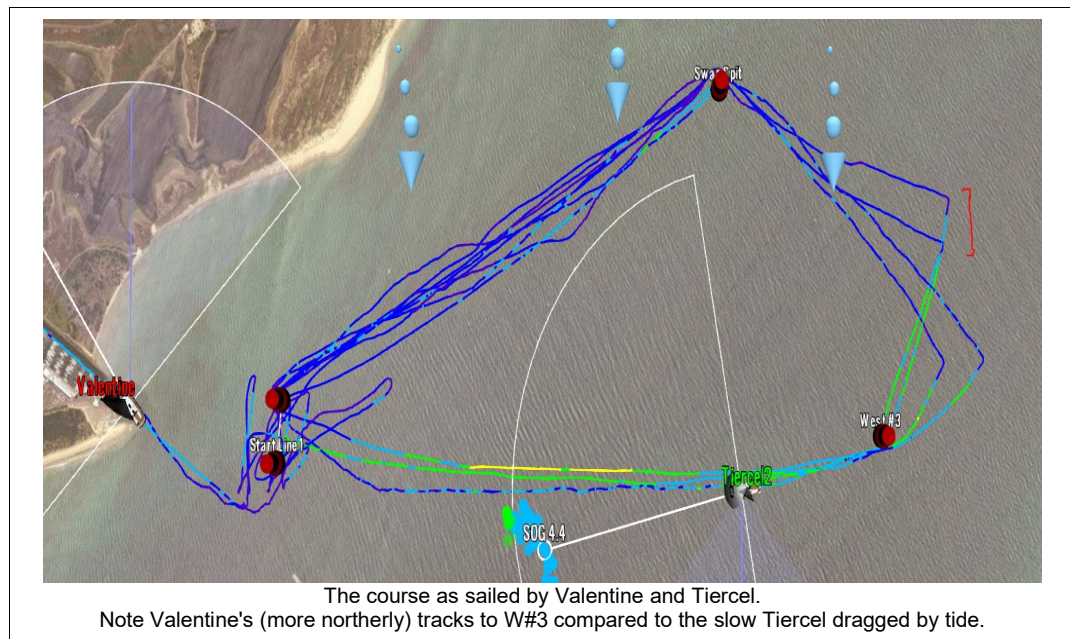
On the water, Course 12 was selected, involving Grass Beds, Swan Spit and West Channel #3. Division 1 boats got away elegantly but with varying degrees of lateness over the line. Division 2 similarly struggled with the timing, with Tiercel for once thinking she had the jump on Boomaroo and Valentine but then, in the strong contrary tide, seeing them overtake before even crossing the line. The race progressed, with Sundance going like a rocket and Tiercel the precise opposite. While it was a perfect wind strength for even the most



Valentine

spinnaker-shy crews to have a go with kites, the direction was marginal even for the leg from West 3 to Grass Beds. As a result only Valentine and Tiercel (using asymmetric) flew the kites on both occasions from no 3 to GB.

The course allowed plenty of opportunities to observe and photograph each other but tactical battles were few. The exception was Tintagel pushing



Drizabone up at the finish line to finish 4 seconds ahead but their handicaps more than compensated for that margin. Over the line the order was Sundance, Imagine, Boomaroo, Tintagel, Drizabone, Warrior, Valentine and Tiercel, with Rosie succumbing to the fierce ebb, (which was peaking at 4.4 kn around 3.30 p.m.) and not making it round the course. In fact the tidal streams were notable in being almost zero at the Grass Beds buoy while fearsome at Swan Spit.



Results on handicap were Sundance (by miles) over Drizabone, Tintagel, Boomaroo, Warrior, Imagine, Valentine and Tiercel. Many thanks to the OODs on Swan, namely Jennifer Gilbert, Ian McKenzie and John Tiller. At the clubhouse, drinks but no chips owing to Queenscliff being full of "Hot Rods". But, courtesy of Geoff Cook, oysters were available for shellfish eaters.

Next week, be there for the Lady Nelson Trophy.

