

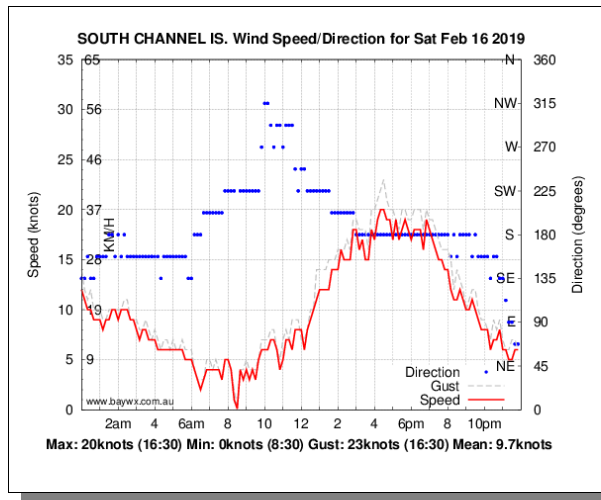
Cec Anderson Race 2. 16th February 2019

Well, we were back to 6 vessels signing in, for a day of increasing winds. The fleet comprised Imagine, Sundance, Valentine, Tiercel, Boomaroo and Tintagel.

A little bit of crew-swopping to accommodate visitors and minimise short-handed crewing and then off to battle – having heard the warnings about tides and marks. The tide was a vigorous ebb of 5.3 knots (at the Heads), with that maximum occurring around the time of our starts.

On the water, Course 6 was announced, involving Grass Beds, Popes Eye, Swan Spit and Drapers Reef. The increasing wind resulted in a variety of sail sizes and 'reef or no reef' options.

The sole Division 1 vessel (Tintagel) got off to a good start. In Division 2 Valentine was on time and Tiercel and Boomaroo a little late. Tiercel gained ground on Valentine by staying out in the tide, but Valentine



retaliated with determined use of spinnaker (determination derived from the “Valentines Day” date?). Imagine and Sundance got away with little delay and, as usual, overhauled the rest of the fleet as the race progressed. Both Valentine and Tiercel had “pole” issues, with the pole coming off best on Valentine (blood all over the deck) and worst on Tiercel – lost when the skipper failed to secure the whisker pole after removal and failed to realise when it went overboard.

In the later stages of the race Tiercel's crew thought they had some chance of catching Tintagel, but as soon as the downwind and up-tide leg was over



Tiercel – winner on the day.



Imagine, Sundance and Valentine.



Portrait on Imagine (and a bit of spinnaker strife in the background (why Laker looks happy?).



BBQ on the deck.

and the last beat to the finish started that hope evaporated. Over the line the order was Imagine, Sundance, Boomaroo, Valentine, Tintagel and Tiercel. After Tiercel's miserable performance in the last race, dragging an an extensive marine ecosystem underneath, the combination of a partially cleaned hull and a fresh wind brought about handicap results of Tiercel, Valentine, Imagine, Sundance, Boomaroo and Tintagel.



Sunset as enjoyed at the evening's barbeque..

The evening barbeque was attended by the true believers and those present enjoyed some good refreshments and the sunset. Many thanks to Ian McKenzie, Jennifer Gilbert and Andrew Giles for OOD duties, and to Alison for most of the on-water photos.