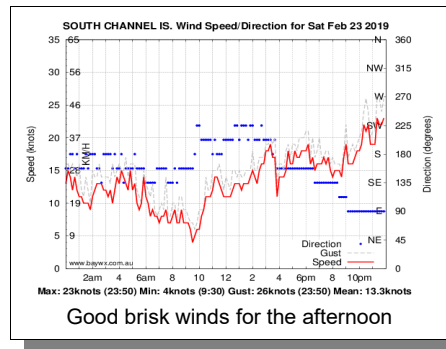


### Cec Anderson Race 3. 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

This week's 7 vessels were the 'usual suspects' namely Imagine, Sundance, Boomaroo, Valentine, Tiercel, Rosie and Tintagel. At briefing the prospects were for a good day but, again, expectations for a fearsome flood tide – running in the same direction as the (southerly)wind - which would be hard on the slower vessels.



On the water, Course 7 was announced, which in the event was shortened to Grass Beds, Popes Eye, Swan Spit Popes Eye and QA. Vessels got away promptly with only one late start (1 minute) being noted. However, the fierce tide got hold of Rosie's underwater growth and, unsurprising, culminated in a dnf as tacking against the tide proved too much .



Sundance waits while Div 2 approaches the start. Queenscliff in background



Boomaroo upwind of Tiercel at the start.



Valentine hugs the shore.

With a cleaner hull, Tiercel held off Valentine with both looking for the inshore territory. Boomaroo was going fast but found more tide offshore. Imagine and Sundance got away and, as usual, overhauled the rest of the fleet, but this time Sundance had the edge for speed.

With the tide as it was, the race could be won or lost on one's judgement of how far to go towards Tasmania before heading across the tide to Popes Eye. Tiercel had no concerns about putting in a couple of short tacks approaching PE – except for a right-of-way Imagine inducing an early tack on to Starboard (should have ducked instead), failing to make the mark and needing a gibe and 360 to get clear. Spinnaker runs for many up to Swan Spit, another beat uptide before the second rounding of Popes Eye and back to QA for a shortened-course finish.

“Line honours” to Sundance, followed by Boomaroo, Imagine, Tiercel, Tintagel and Valentine, and on handicap Tiercel, Sundance, Boomaroo, Tintagel, Valentine and Imagine. But a reminder that results are published as “provisional” and a review of this season's results is underway owing to some uncertainties arising from new procedures this year.

Drinks and chips afterwards in the boatshed and many thanks to Andrew Giles and Ian McKenzie for OOD duties on Swan.



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.