

## Commodore's Cup 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Another beautiful day on the water for the Commodore's Cup. The forecast of (yet another) southerly, this time about 15 knots, was fulfilled and the predicted flood tide was at least if not more than matched by reality. Great to see some newcomers fitted into boats and on the water as that's what it's all about.



The couta boats get away.

A "one-off" course was decided upon, being Grass Beds to Popes Eye pile, Parks inner, Parks outer, inner, outer, QA and GB finish. No great dramas known to the writer, except his own glitch of blooper again going Airborne Without Leave just as avoiding a large container ship.



Going fine for a time.



Then AWOL again!



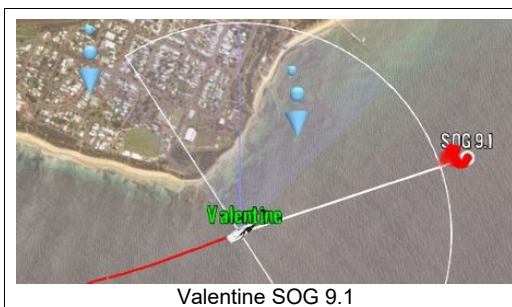
Success for the recently returned Maud



Move over!

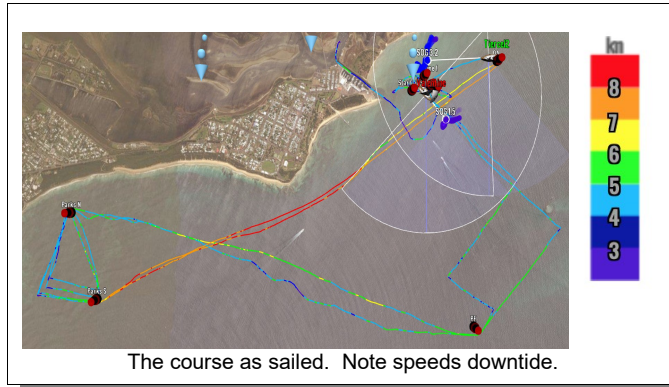


Valentine from the Cook house.



Valentine SOG 9.1

The last of the ebb had little effect, but once the flood set in boats were pointing diagonally on the legs between the Parks buoys, and perhaps this was the undoing of Rosie who probably copped the worst of it. With wind and tide behind the fleet, even Div 2 boats were logging 8 or 9 knots over the ground, only to drop to about 3 when



rounding QA and heading for the finish.

Over the line the order was Boomaroo, Drizabone, Maud, Valentine, Warrior, Tiercel and Rosie. On handicap the winner was Maud followed by Drizabone, Valentine, Warrior, Boomaroo, Tiercel and Rosie.

Congratulations to Maud, and thanks to Frank McMahon and Ian McKenzie for OOD duties on Swan.

Remember, the next race is the first of the Cec Anderson Series. You have to be in it to win it.