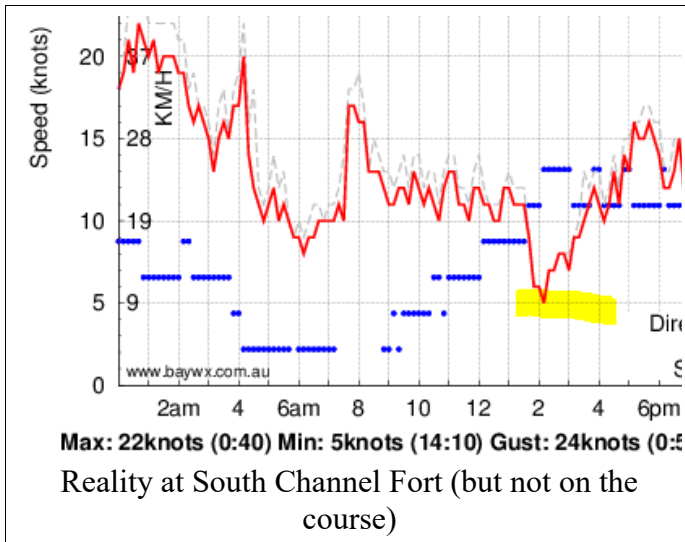


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At last a decent looking forecast to welcome the “summer” racing, with a 10 to 15 knots easterly and fine weather on the cards. This was a good start to the season and attracted 7 vessels, namely Imagine, Boomaroo, Valentine, Tiercel, Warrior, Rosie and Tintagel.

Following briefing from Commodore and Captain, including reference to some unpalatable realities concerning safety, paperwork and finances, all set off to battle. Frank McMahon and Ian McKenzie did duty on Swan owing to the indisposition of Ian and Bev who have carried the load for so long.



On the water, (new) course 11 was selected, involving Grass Beds, West #3, Swan Spit and QA. All three divisions got away reasonably though some of us were further behind the 8 ball than others. No huge dramas occurred, apart from the private disasters involving, as usual, spinnakers among other issues.

Prior to the last leg, a decision was wisely made to shorten the course as the wind dropped and the tide reached its maximum. Even so the last few finishers used the wind to get up-tide of the finish line and drift down to it rather than positively racing for it. Rosie lost the battle with tide and dying wind to score a dnf. Imagine was a clear winner, both across the line and on handicap. Handicap results were: Imagine, Boomaroo, Warrior, Tintagel, Valentine and Tiercel with Rosie just missing out with dnf. The last three finishers were within a minute of each other.



Imagine – winner on the day.

Those available repaired to the Clubhouse for drinks and chips. Thanks to Frank and Ian for OOD duties.