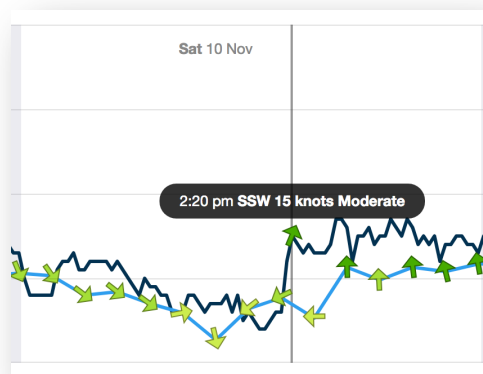


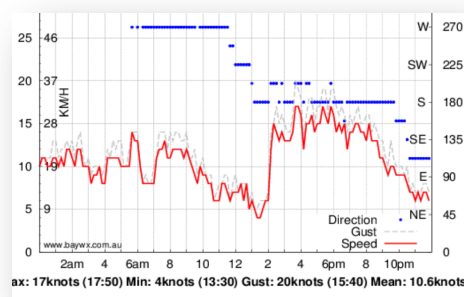
Ray Maki 4, 10 November 2018

After calling off Ray Maki 3 and the "Goorangai Cruise" it was a relief to get boats back to racing with a respectable forecast, though one promising little wind. Briefing saw 7 boats sign on namely Drizabone, Tintagel, Warrior, Valentine, Tiercel, Sundance and Imagine. Some vessels were 'light-on' for crew so the forecast of modest winds was welcome.



On the water, light and fluky winds again challenged the race committee in terms of course and starting time. A decision to postpone turned out well, and fair, with some breeze settling in so Division One vessels were not disadvantaged by fighting tide in light breeze for their first ten minutes.

Course 6 was chosen to allow a shorten course and avoid boats being caught miles down-tide if the wind dropped. Warrior got a good start, out at the pin end, perhaps finding some wind to compensate for the stronger tide in comparison with Drizabone and Tintagel at the inshore end of the line. In Div. 2, Tiercel thought that for once they were ahead of Valentine, but the tide sent her crabbing parallel to the line until tacking onto port and heading closer in. Imagine and Sundance got



away and ran neck and neck for a time. The breeze set in from the South considerably more briskly than forecast which was welcome given a strong flood tide.



The leg from Drapers to Swan Spit saw kites fly from Imagine and Tiercel, with the wind apparently on the beam. Only Imagine re-set hers on the subsequent leg from Grass Beds to Swan Spit. It was a day thankfully free of drama, with an exception being getting round the Grass Beds buoy in the strong tide. Valentine and Tiercel both had to make an extra tack, with Valentine only just wriggling

around the buoy and Tiercel's premature cheers bringing a lull in the wind and a last-minute tack. Over the line it was Imagine, Sundance, Warrior, Drizabone, Tintagel, Valentine and Tiercel. On handicap the order was Drizabone, Sundance, Imagine, Tiercel, Warrior, Tintagel and Valentine.

At the Clubhouse, for those that were able, the first after-race BBQ for the year celebrated a successful third race of the season. As always, many thanks to the race committee on Swan, this week being Geoff Cook, Ian McKenzie and Jennifer Gilbert.