



QLYC....Racing continues..

A big day out with the Ray Maki 2! - Sat Oct 26, 2013

With the season under way ... The second of the Ray Maki Series races....!

What a big day it seemed with lovely light winds and a light shower of rain with the promise of some sunshine....!!

Only three yachts looked to facing the starter this week as the season start in earnest...seems like the others in the fleet are still to the north, awaiting improving weather or just don't want to test the weather gods!!

The briefing is casual with the OOD Ian Lee looking to make it a day with the new courses as handed out by Commodore Jill.

Jill talks up the racing plus the Discover Sailing session on Sunday, as well as advising of all the timber which arrived at the club this week, in preparation for a big working bee coming up on November 10...watch out for it!!

Boats and Crews were:
Sundance with John Barry,
Alex Eagleson, Brian Golland,
Patrick Roberts and Frank
McMahon,
Indulgence with Colin Bishop,
Dave Hatton and Ian Curtis,
and lastly
Rosie with Scott Crisp and
David Coales.



The small fleet is not encouraging but the quality is there with John Barry and *Sundance*, winner of last week's race and looking for an edge this week, *Indulgence* with Colin Bishop and Ian Curtis gearing up and lastly *Rosie* with Scott Crisp and David Coales looking very chipper!

The start without Div 2 would allow Div 3 to start a further 10 minutes later based on handicaps!

On the course there was a small disruption as the OOD decided under the SW breeze that course #4 would be best suited with a leg deleted to the Bight and we sailed a race along the shore outside Queenscliff.

At 1330 start the race was on, with very little between *Rosie* and *Indulgence*, as they headed off from Grass beds. The course was now Grass Beds to Drapers, back to Grass Beds, down to Swan Spit, back to Grass Beds and off to Drapers, returning to Grass Beds and then another lap to Drapers before finishing at Grass Beds.

Watching Div 1 go at it was very interesting with nothing between the two smaller vessels....*Indulgence* maintaining it from *Rosie* and before we knew it *Indulgence* from *Rosie* on the way back to Grass Beds.



As Div 3 started, at 1400, the two others in Div 1 were around Drapers and heading back to Grass Beds.

But with the power of the longer waterline Sundance took off in pursuit chasing down the front runners At Drapers the first time, Sundance saw Div 1 passing Grass Beds and going to Swan Spit.

After Swan Spit both Indulgence and Rosie headed in shore but with a softening breeze there was little evidence of a strong tide having turned to a flood...

With these inshore Sundance took the short route to Grass Beds from Swan Spit availing a small tack required off the beach under Grass Beds to make the mark!

To everyone's surprise a 1.4 metre under the keel suddenly turned to 00.00 under the keel and Sundance grounded as she tacked! Quickly realising the sand bar orientation, JB took a port turn down wind to free the vessel and resume the chase.

By the Creek Mark, Sundance saw both Div1 vessels finally making Grass Beds some 15 minutes behind.

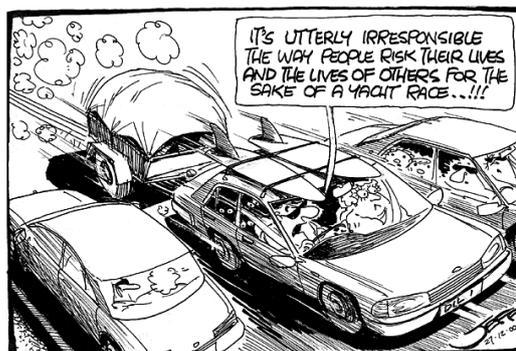


The challenge of Div 1 was to try and out manoeuvre each other on the run to Drapers which turned out to be a shortened course back to Grass Beds.

Sundance finished in front by almost 45 minutes and was heading back to the creek as the lads passed on their way to the finish.

A Challenging day on the water with a combination of lightening wind, a changing tide and some shower activity....but no one really got wet...!!

In the final analysis, it was Sundance as winner on handicap with Rosie making it a close finish for second by 25 seconds to a fast finishing Indulgence. Well done JB and crew...!!



Next Club Racing start:
Is on....

SATURDAY November 2nd - Ray Maki 3 !! And

*SUNDAY November 3rd - For the challenge...
GTYC Queenscliff to Geelong race !!*

AND Cup Day Cruise on Tuesday Nov 5th to Mud Islands to see the bird rookeries and all the recent breeding... Note to all:

1. Courses are revised for this season and available at briefing on Saturday,
2. All club invoices have been sent to members and we would appreciate your attention to these...please advise us via the Secretary of any changes,