



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

The Cec Anderson Race 2 in the Series

- Sat Feb 8, 2014

A race for all seasons fired up ...with a quiet ending!

On to the second race in the Cec Anderson series and what would prove to be an almost repeat of last week...light winds, pleasant weather and a little tide to assist or control the fleet.

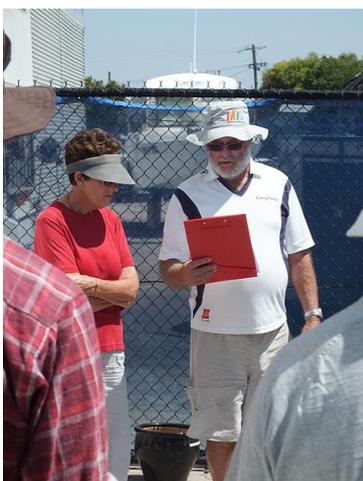
The crowd at briefing included some visitors and new members attracted by our last Messabout Day and RGYC contact.

The briefing was hosted again by Commodore Jill with our substitute Sailing Captain John Barry and of course our regular sometimes controversial OOD Ian and Bev Lee....



Jill was quick to congratulate all who assisted with Messabout Day last Sunday and ask for indulgence (sic) on behalf of the committee over the longer passage race last Saturday resulting in a number of retirements in the course of the event. Passage races will start earlier in future for benefit of competitors.

Today's race is the second in this series which has (hopefully!) six races ending on March 22nd.



OOD Ian always keeps us in suspense as to the course but let's everyone know of lighter conditions and moderate tide to be expected for the day.

A total of 36 sailors and skippers "signed on" to sail on 8 yachts at briefing with the largest number on Sundance including young Finn and two young ladies from last Sunday in Imogene and Eleanor. Congrats to Barbara's first sail with Paul van Prooyen on Fancy.

On the course it was a quiet affair, with all



divisions getting away without the close observance of the club photographer on Sundance, having been warned to stay away from the start by our OOD at briefing.....Sundance apologises, but JB took time to practice crew skilling on Spinnaker duties in the interim!!

We assume Div 1 and Div 2 got away OK but have no details.

By the time Div 3 was on track it was Imagine and Sundance that ventured toward the pin end with Imagine holding Sundance down toward the Committee boat and twice taking liberty as windward boat to force Sundance offline and gain advantage.

JB's helming proved expert, as he avoided collision by centimetres on both occasions!! Good work JB and "Red Flag" next time Chris!!... JB, good sport under pressure!

On the first lap, with Sundance trailing the fleet after Imagine's work at the line, it was Tiercel, Drizabone, and Wave Dancer seemingly doing much of the effort with Fancy, Indulgence and Maud taking a slow lap.



With the fleet then progressing past the Pope's Eye Annulus in a slow procession there looked to be an advantage for the backmarkers...

At Drapers it was Wave Dancer, Tiercel and Imagine vying for front spot with Drizabone and Indulgence behind as a fast finishing Sundance took advantage in the light airs at this pile!

With the tide plus light breeze it was anyone's race going around the Grass Beds mark.



Approaching Grass Beds Wave Dancer leads ahead of Tiercel and Imagine catching fast...well!!



From Grass Beds it seems obvious that we have a shortened course as Swan Rescue heads toward Wedge and showing the "Shortened Course" flag....

Toward Wedge it is Wave Dancer and Imagine on different tacks and Imagine misses the opportunity going under the mark and having to put in a second tack...but with speed and wind Imagine takes first over the line followed by Wave Dancer....Sundance is just ahead of Tiercel and with some additional speed tacks across in front and makes third over the line. Drizabone made a valiant effort to find wind during the day and finished a creditable 5th over the line ahead of Tiercel which held 4th.

Well done to Wave Dancer with Dave Hatton and crew in Jennifer Gilbert...congrats on a good day at the office and a big win on handicap!

Second was Imagine with Sundance a good third on the day.



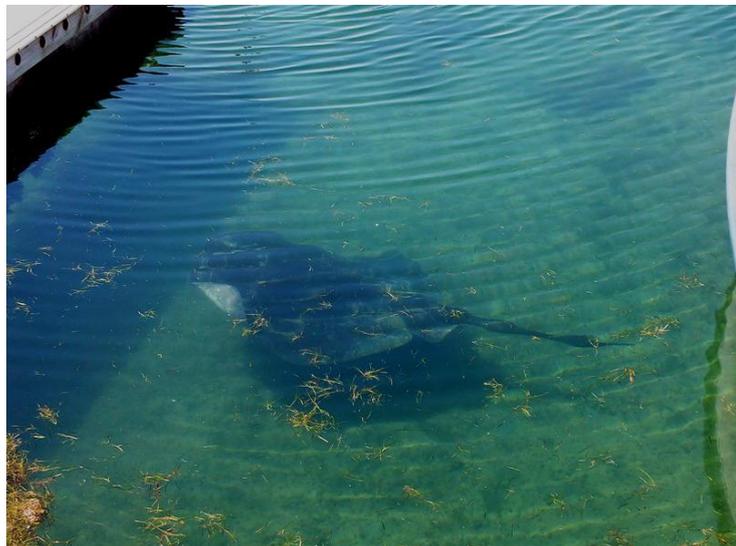
On the left we have the crew of Sundance looking behind to see ... not only the fleet as they pass the Creek Pile but a more looming sight!!.....see the video for your look at the result!! Nice!!

Unfortunately it was Indulgence that had a seniors moment approaching Wedge and isqualified herself by sailing between the two marks of the Wedge which is a no/no under QLYC sailing instructions...Sorry Colin, Ian and Geoffrey!

Both Maud and Fancy were fairly hamstrung during this race and due to circumstances became DNF's....But these guys had a good race in fairly pleasant conditions.



Even the Stingrays were keen to jump on board with Drizabone as they circled in expectation of either a feed or a ride..!!



Next Club Racing start: Is on....

*SATURDAY Feb 15th The Channels Race to St Leonards and return!!
Methinks it will start earlier...watch for details later in the week!!*



Note to all: Courses are revised (**BLUE SHEETS**) for this season and more will available at briefing on Saturday, available from the OOD....no excuses!!