



**QLYC....**

## **Oh, for the lack of it on the Ray Maki 3! - Sat Nov 2, 2013**

### **The season starts to develop ... more contenders as we really get underway midway through the Ray Maki Series**

Briefing for the third race in the Ray Maki Series took on a festive scene as the social set got together after the seasoned sailors had dragged the club through the first two races!

Adding to the reception was Drizabone with Tom Fricke, Nellie with Russ Watson, and Valentine with Steve Lee .... Old salts in Sundance with John Barry, Tiercel with Colin Gibbs, Rosie with Scott Crisp, Wave Dancer with Dave Hatton and Indulgence with Colin Bishop.

The crew list provided managed to lift the total participating to 20 sailors with an additional unknown assailant secreted onto Valentine!

Commodore Jill opened proceedings with a warm welcome and update on events around the club especially the working bee on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov at 0930 hrs.



Steve Lee as Sailing Captain briefed on the day's race with an invite to all to participate in the Cup Day Cruise to The Mud Islands for an overview of our birdy neighbours who frequent the place meeting in the harbour at 1030am...!! And it was over to the OOD Ian and Jennifer for the days real reason in racing out there.

Light winds were the order of the day, and as all the yachts maintained their presence close to Swan Rescue and the start time became imminent, the OOD took off to ensure another 50 metres thwarted the starters!

The OOD set the course at #7 indicating a South Easterly wind direction and Marks Grass Beds to Wedge, Drapers, Grass Beds, QA, Wedge, QA, Wedge, Drapers and finally Grass Beds!  
Optimist!!

At the start it was a floater and with a reasonable ebb tide all had difficulty calculating the angle and method of attack to the line without a misdemeanour!



Div 1 finally got away after almost three minutes lag with Rosie heading north towards the shore and with Div 2 close at hand jostling for position on the line....the winner at this stage was Drizabone and Indulgence edging out Tiercel at the Swan Rescue end....Valentine with Steve Lee drops in behind but Dave Hatton with Wave Dancer takes the easy option and makes it around the pin end buoy!

After this it was “which way is best?” and diverse directions were the order of the day....Indulgence and Rosie heading up to Swan Spit and Nellie taking off in the opposite direction whilst Wave Dancer took the most direct route toward Wedge.



Div 3 with Sundance was to be a 1400 hrs start, but changed to a 1350 by default...confusing the crew but with “acute skipper awareness” all was well and the line made right on as usual!

Looking back, it was Valentine with Tiercel that stood in the tide with Wave Dancer just ahead and Sundance making some ground...



The tide was a big influence in the light conditions with most yachts just managing to edge toward Wedge mark looking for the wind to come in....Both Indulgence and Rosie were anchored by the Swan island shore for some time.

Nearing Wedge, as the breeze started to come in from the south, Valentine and Tiercel moved up with the front and spinnakers flying crept onto the tail of Wave Dancer and Sundance that had now headed the field...

Rounding the Wedge mark first was Sundance ahead of Wave Dancer, Nellie, Tiercel, Valentine and the Coutas in Rosie and Drizabone....Indulgence was a lacklustre last.

With the wind now full in a southerly direction the fleet picked up their speed and took toward Drapers.



But with the elapsed time now over two hours of sailing it looked to be “all over bar the shouting” as a nice gybe around Drapers Mark, off to the Creek Mark and finally finishing with a shortened course flag at Grass Beds.

In the finish it was Sundance first across the line with only a few minutes to a fast finishing Wave Dancer and finally a beautiful sail by Russ Watson and crew in Nellie to pull off third across the line!

On handicap it was Rosie with Scott Crisp and Phil Blewitt making first place with Wave Dancer and Dave Hatton second and finally third placing went to Drizabone with Tom Fricke at the helm.

Well done to all on a very changeable and long day at the workbench!

And a thanks to our OOD's...



Next Club Racing start:  
Is on....



**SATURDAY November 9<sup>th</sup> - THE CENTENARY TROPHY**  
**- a race to celebrate the centenary of organised yachting at Queenscliff.**

*SUNDAY November 10<sup>th</sup> – For a great day at the Club House in a working bee and BBQ lunch !!*

*Remember the Cup Day Cruise on Tuesday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> to Mud Islands to see the bird rookeries and all the recent breeding...*

**Note to all:** Courses are revised (**BLUE SHEETS**) for this season and available at briefing on Saturday,

**PS:** From the log of Indulgence:: *Our main sheet block collapsed as we turned out of the creek past QCYC on the way to the mooring - naturally the medicinal rum took quite a hit!!*