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THE CEC ANDERSON SERIES

RACE SIX.

Sat March 22 2014.

“Valentine Wins, Imagine Triumphs.”

After an earlier break in the weather, race day dawned overcast and the B.O.M. forecast the first below twenty degrees maximum temperature for the year, and promised an easing southerly breeze of about 17 knots by late morning.

At the noon briefing outside the Harbour Office, six vessels with nearly thirty sailors were signing-on.

Club Captain Steve recommended the online game "Play By The Rules" to all present, and informed everyone of the Maritime Weekend racing and the approaching Commodore's Cup and the Commodore's Cocktail Party.

The course was to be posted on Swan Rescue on station at Grassbeds.

Out on the water, the wind was from the south at about 15 knots, shifting and slightly stronger in gusts. The tide had just begun to flood. The course was Blue Course Six

In Division One there were Drizabone and Indulgence. Indulgence had a reefed main and her jib was not properly hoisted; helmswoman, Jennifer Gilbert had great difficulty avoiding Swan and crossing the line. Drizabone was soon far ahead on the beat to the windward, uptide mark, Popes Eye Pile.



Tiercel and Valentine, the Division Two competitors set off a few minutes after Indulgence. Closely matched, with Valentine slightly to windward, they pursued race leader Drizabone.



Well behind the leaders, Indulgence decided on cunning and stood into the tide on port tack, hoping to get an advantage from the east flowing stream south of Shortlands Bluff. As you can see, despite the approaching puff, this is not a reefed mainsail day. Newcomer Wendy Duncan is occupying Geoffrey's throne.



Finally the battle of the giants began as Imagine and Sundance started in Division Three.

From his vantage point on Swan, the OOD reported that Drizabone was first to Popes Eye Pile followed by Valentine and Tiercel. Having cleared the pile, these two had a close fight under spinnaker all the way to the Wedge where Valentine cleared away from Tiercel who may have had trouble dropping her kite.

By the time Valentine reached Grassbeds she was clear ahead of Drizabone and well ahead of Tiercel.



Imagine had a comfortable lead over Sundance and way back was a little boat called Indulgence who seemed to have been caught up in the flood tide



On the second beat back to Popes Eye Pile it was Valentine racing away from Drizabone and Tiercel followed by Imagine and Sundance and eventually Indulgence who shook out her reef and was finally swept past the elusive pile. For the leaders it was a spinnaker run down to Swan Spit and a beat to the Wedge, finally a beam reach to finish at Grass Beds. Imagine took the lead and just beat Valentine over the line by a bit over two minutes followed by Tiercel some five minutes later. Sundance crossed about eleven minutes after Tiercel.



The boats which rounded Swan Spit and headed out to sea were caught by the tide and lost a lot of ground whereas those that tacked along the beach in the shallows were less affected by tide which showed up in the results.

As the hands of time moved towards five o'clock, the OOD announced that Swan would leave the finish line at five fifteen PM, that time being one hour after the first vessel had crossed the finishing line. This announcement put paid to any hope Indulgence had of finishing, even though she had made up some ground on Drizabone. Indulgence radio-ed a withdrawal, but Drizabone who was between Swan Spit Pile and the Wedge elected to continue.

Drizabone reached Grassbeds about eleven minutes after Swan had left, so she too became a DNF.

Valentine had a good win on handicap, followed by Tiercel, Imagine, and finally Sundance.

Thank you to our race officers Ian and Bev Lee, and to Ian Lee for photographs and observations.

THE MARITIME WEEKEND.

Saturday 29 March

11-30 AM - Briefing (usual place) and issue of
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

11-45 AM - Fish and Chip Lunch for race entrants.

1-00 PM - Blessing Of The Fleet.

2-00 PM - First start as per sailing instructions.

Sunday 30 March

10-30 AM - Special briefing (usual place) for Race The Ferry.

Noon - First start Memorial Race to Popes Eye Annulus.

Competitors in the Couta Boat State Title Race #5 proceed thence to finish at
Portsea.

Competitors in RACE THE FERRY thereafter to follow special briefing
instructions.



The Next Club Race is for
THE COMMODORE'S CUP, 5/4/2014.
Followed By
From 6-30 PM
At The Club House



**THE FABULOUS COMMODORE'S
COCKTAILS.**