



QLYC Ray Maki Series Race 6 Sat January 4 2014.

"Squalls And Surprises!"

Through the night windows rattled and trees shook. The Club Captain (Steve Lee) arose early to look at wind reports. The Weather Bureau issued a strong wind warning and promised overcast, drizzle, and winds gusting over 25 knots. A few sailors gathered trembling at the harbour for briefing as a squall whipped up the marina waters. However as more sailors arrived the treacherous breeze died away. The race was declared a "goer" and seven vessels signed on.



As *Indulgence* left her mooring, preparing to sail out, a sudden squall turned the usually placid anchorage into something worse than the picture above. After several wild broaches the shaken crew was able to retrieve the mooring: down came the main, out came the rum, and the race fleet was reduced to six, with no starters in Division One.

Little is known of what happened out there on the waves as squalls and periods of relative calm alternated. The OOD reported that *Tiercel* was over half an hour late for the start. This brought her run of handicap victories to an end. Line honours went to *Imagine* by approx 4 minutes from *Sundance*. The handicap crown found itself on *Fancy's* head. Here she is in last year's livery, on a day when the weather gods smiled.



The Next Club Event is The Lady Skippers Trophy.
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