



## Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

### The Cec Anderson Race 1 in the Series Sat January 30, 2016

#### A great forecast and fleet for the start of the Series.

The morning broke with a good forecast for the beginning of this great series of races in vying for the Cec Anderson Trophy over six weekly races.

At briefing the throng gathered and completed the paperwork for sign-on and crew declarations before facing Commodore Jill who welcomed everyone before handing to the Club Captain for race briefing.



The highlight of last week was the contentious nature of an incident in Div1, with the race results being held in abeyance as a result.

Then the OOD went overboard during the start sequence in Div3 last week as well, but like a trooper, did so between Blue Peter up and Blue Peter down, so the sequence continued seamlessly.

With "Swan" and the OOD missing at the finish, the times taken were a little contentious but it is in the Sailing Instructions to take your own times in such a case.

Skippers are reminded that in so doing they should be within proximity of the finish buoy when taking their own time.

With a southerly from east to west today it was to be course 6 that will be set and this will avoid the swim races being held off Queenscliff Pier during the course of the race with the first mark to Pope's Eye Pile.

The course outline for #6 was Grass Beds to Pope's Eye Pile, Wedge, Grass Beds, Pope's Eye Pile, Wedge, Swan Spit, Wedge and finish at Grass Beds.

Good luck and fair sailing.

Our OOD for the day was again Ian and Jock Lee who do a great job out there on the course and it was no different today, with a great line and length as the yachts got organised.

In Div1 it was Defiance and Nellie with Tintagel jumping on the line together but interestingly, Tintagel takes a line down the shore toward Bell Rock and beyond, whilst the Coutas go for a line toward the mark and via the Stones. Hmmm?

AND as we see it only a whisker between Nellie and Tintagel just after the start ... Looks like they are all trying hard for the Mishap Award!



In Div2 it is a good start as well with Valentine in good shape along with Tiercel and Wave Dancer whilst a bit of a languish by Maud made her a bit tardy.



In Div3 Imagine takes a line just ahead of Sundance with approaches from both ends of the line.



Taking up the challenge Sundance jumps slightly ahead of Imagine in the run toward Pope's Eye but Imagine grabs the lead early.



In front of the fleet it is the "old flying ant", Tintagel that appears from over the horizon and using the tide grabs the first mark ahead of the Coutas.

Valentine in Div2 is flying ahead of the others as all make a good downwind leg to Wedge before heading back to Grass Beds. Interestingly, no-one flies their kite here or after passing Wedge.

At Grass Beds it is easy running as Tintagel maintains the pressure from early but the lads in Defiance are not giving up along with Nellie trailing these.

Behind the scenes it is Sundance being led by Imagine whilst Maud is over there somewhere looking at the sights, and Valentine continues a good lead over Div2 in Tiercel and Wave Dancer.



By the second rounding of Pope's Eye it is a good scene as the front runners are still the smaller yachts with Defiance and Tintagel "making hay while the sun shines".

Imagine now takes it up a notch with kite flying after PE and then to Wedge, whilst Sundance does not ... although it did appear no gains were made even though JB only ran a No3 and goosewinged. Valentine and Wave Dancer also held kites through here and beyond.

However with the run from Wedge to Swan Spit things were a bit spirited as the front runners lost ground to the Div2 and Div3 boys and Imagine had hit the front running whilst making more lead on Sundance in the different wind conditions.

With Wedge in their sights, it was Imagine easily accounting for Sundance with good moves although a little off track... oops...at Wedge Sundance crew looked on apprehensively as Chris took her (more than a little!) close to both the structure and mark ... certainly scaring the birds and looked like a puff of dry crap coming off the platform as a result of Imagine's gust as she passed!

Behind Imagine Sundance slid around and although shortening the distance between them Imagine was a line honours finisher ahead of Sundance with Valentine a tidy third behind them.

Separation at the end was 6 minutes and 10 minutes with the fleet strung out over 55 minutes to the tailender.

The order of finish after third was Defiance, Tintagel, Tiercel Wave Dancer, Nellie and lastly Maud.



A magnificent piece of sailing by Tintagel who finished only 50 seconds behind Defiance as one of the other Div1 boats.

Interestingly Imagine covered the course of some 12.8Nm at an average speed of 6.12 knots but Maud averaged around 2.6 knots.

On handicap it was a fabulous win to Tintagel who took some good navigation and tidal skills into effect whilst holding out Imagine for second and Defiance in third place. Corrected times show Tintagel winning by 3 minutes over Imagine with under 30 seconds to Defiance.

More interesting was the handicap time of Tiercel who managed a good last place by one and half minutes after Maud!

Our sincere thanks to the OOD's for their efforts in maintaining vigil over the course for three and a half hours and looking after us all.

**Next Club Racing start: Is on....**

***SAT Feb 6 for the second race in the Cec Anderson Series.***

***Meet at the harbour outside the QHPL Shed.....at Noon.***

***Note to all: A number of Skippers are looking for Crew and if you would like to be part of our unique racing in this part of the Bay ...call us or email via the website ...or contact us via "Facebook"***

