



## Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

### The Cec Anderson Race 3 in the Series Sat February 13, 2016

#### A great day's sailing with a wind of substance!

A great day dawned for the running of the Cec Anderson Race 3 in the series.

A fabulous day for a yacht race on Port Philip Bay with a breeze of 10 to 15 coming in later in the day toward 25 knots.

At briefing a good crowd of sailors gathered completing the necessary paperwork before a word from the Vice Commodore.

John Barry welcomed everyone and announced that, unfortunately our Commodore Jill Golland had resigned at the committee meeting last night, given her workload and pressures around the roles she was currently carrying. John together with those gathered thanked her with a round of applause, although she wasn't present due to working in Beech Forest.



Handing to the Club Captain for today's race Brian congratulated last weeks winners in Imagine, Sundance and Boomaroo with a fine piece of sailing.

Additionally it was pointed out a number of issues that are before the Sailing Committee with regard to:

- Protecting Swan and the OOD's from misadventure with regard to the proximity of yachts starting races,
- Finishing races when Swan is missing by sailing close to the buoy to eliminate errors in times taken, and
- A rule on skipper/helmspersons having to be in charge for more than 50% of the race.

Our Annual "Around Mud Island Race" will be held next week and a brief overview discussed with information to follow mid-week.

For today the race will effectively be held on a shorter course as forecast wind will be above 20+ by 4pm and that it would assist if we are well toward finishing earlier than normal.

On the course proper it was our OOD's that signalled Course #7 for the day.

Course #7 provided for a Grass Beds start to Wedge, Drapers, Grass Beds, QA, Wedge, QA, Wedge, Drapers and finish at Grass Beds.

Div1 was a good start with three along the line but Tintagel got the better followed closely by Nellie and Rosie lastly.

The start of Div2 was a ripper with Boomaroo taking to the line early and very early, such that whilst she rounded the start buoy to



recommence it was Valentine first starting closely followed by Tiercel and Boomaroo (again) ahead of Wave Dancer.



In Div3 the usual two poured on the heat and shot together onto the line separated by nothing and both looking to take a different track.

Most yacht went directly despite tide to Wedge with tack close to the mark although Imagine went south before pulling a long leg to the pile.

By the time Div3 arrived it was Div1 well ahead and near to Drapers whilst Div2 were mid track from Wedge and Div3 overtaking some of the back markers.

At Drapers it was Sundance and Imagine getting tangled as Sundance rounded but was quickly caught and passed by Imagine before the Creek Pile. Back at Grass Beds it was a similar situation first time through.



Heading to QA was fairly quick with the breeze starting to build early but tolerable for all.



Off to Wedge the second time and the pressure was building as was the breeze accounting to near 18 knots plus and making some difficulty with making a good mark.



Returning to QA from Wedge showed a length of yachts strung out along the course with Tintagel making hay with Nellie right on the money followed by Boomaroo ahead of Tiercel and Valentine and of course Imagine showing good pace in the heavier conditions ahead of Sundance.

After Wedge the third rounding it was a couple of yachts had taken reefs in an offset to the continuing stronger breezes.

At that stage, Valentine was seen to have a flaying headsail and shortly thereafter removed it before withdrawing after a failed block on her jib halyard.

On the course it was Imagine that had really pulled away from the fleet followed by Sundance some minutes behind and Boomaroo taking a big hold on third.

Tintagel battled magnificently against all odds over Nellie ahead of Tiercel and Wave Dancer making life difficult over Rosie who had really dropped back in the field with the prevailing conditions.



And taking the leg from Drapers to Grass Beds it was unchanged as previously with Imagine taking line honours ahead of Sundance by six minutes ahead of Boomaroo following across the line in a further six minutes. Then followed Tintagel in ten minutes ahead of Nellie by just over a minute to Tiercel in under two minutes, with Wave Dancer nine minutes in arrears and lastly Rosie twenty seven minutes before finishing.

On handicap a great race by Imagine in first place ahead of Nellie with Boomaroo in third place. The handicap times showed less than three minutes from first to second and just over a minute to third place. Congratulations to Chris Laker and crew for a great days racing.



**Next Club Racing start: Is on....Very Important!!**

***SAT Feb 20 for the Around Mud Islands Race  
Meet at the harbour outside the QHPL Shed.....at 09.30am.***

***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"***

