



## Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

### The Cec Anderson Race 4 in the Series Sat March 5, 2016

#### The forecast looks good for another one in the series!

A grey morning with overcast skies and mist encompassing most of Queenscliff provided an almost dismal look to briefing at the Harbour as the crews gathered at Noon with an enthusiastic optimism for the Cec Anderson race 4.

The day however promised moderate winds, building with heavy cloud throughout the day after these early morning mists.

John Barry as Acting Commodore and OOD for the day held briefing, where crew were advised that the course would be notified on the water from Swan.

John handed over briefly to our member, Ian McKenzie who addressed the gathering, thanking the club, members and all those who had spoken to him, for the sympathy, empathy and understanding on the recent passing of his wife and club member Alison. We were all blessed to have her in our midst and remember the contribution she made to life in Queenscliff.

OODs for the day were Frank McMahon and John Barry. Swan headed out early to scope the course. Unfortunately the anchor winch failed, and so some hasty re-arrangements saw the anchor manually lowered.

The chosen Course 6 seemed the best alternative given the south to south easterly conditions. The yachts settled down to position themselves for the start as usual milling around Swan.

Course 6 started at Grass Beds to Pope's Eye pile, Wedge, Grass Beds, Pope's Eye again, Wedge, Swan Spit, Wedge and finish at Grass Beds.

The Division 1 start saw Defiance and Nellie battle for first over the line promising a close battle for the whole of the race, they did not disappoint.

Warrior started about a minute late, some problems still happening with their timing. All division one yachts stayed on starboard tack until well across the bay heading to Popes Eye pile and the first mark.



Division 2 started well with Valentine and Wave dancer winning the start on starboard. Valentine immediately tacked on to port and headed toward Pt Nepean. Fancy followed closely, looking a picture of power and grace.

Tiercel started late choosing to stay on starboard and not follow Valentine.

Division 3 consisted of Imagine and League of Gentlemen. League, a blazer 740, has shown a great turn of speed in the recent Around Mud Islands race and until her handicap has settled, will start in Division 3.



Gentlemen and Valentine.

All yachts kept on starboard tack back to Popes Eye pile, Imagine having passed the fleet and was charging along in ideal conditions of a choppy sea and about 12 kts of breeze.

Kites appeared after rounding the Wedge on the run to Swan Spit, Imagine increasing her lead.



The finish order over the line was Imagine by 23 minutes over League of Gentlemen with third to Tiercel some 11 seconds behind her.

Others followed in order of Defiance, Nellie, Valentine, Warrior and Fancy. Between first and last was 36 minutes.

On handicap in order it was congratulations to Nellie followed closely by Imagine and third was Defiance. Separation of these three was just over 4 minutes.



At the first turning mark at Pope's Eye saw Nellie rounding first followed closely by Defiance and Warrior. Imagine had by this time closed up on the leaders.

The procession of yachts to the Wedge changed little. At the first rounding of the Grass Beds mark saw Imagine getting a big grip on the field followed by others in Defiance, Nellie, Tiercel, Fancy, League of



The return leg to the Wedge saw Defiance and Nellie still locked in a great battle. Defiance just heading Nellie on the final leg to the finish at Grass beds.



Others followed on handicap with Tiercel, Warrior, Fancy, Valentine and finally League of Gentlemen.

In summary it was the ebb tide that took some toll on a few competitors along with the more choppy conditions but the longer legs showed some valiant sailing in close competition between the yachts as they followed Imagine through the course.

The OOD's in JB are to be thanked for the substance of this report along with some decent photos from Swan, in between Frank taking a couple of fish, as they contemplated the finish. Frank reckoned this was better than scones and tea!!



Well done to all and thanks from the Club Captain.

We missed Tom and Alison on Boomaroo who are out in Bass Strait with the Royal Brighton cruising contingent....see them next week.

Brian and Jill were absent this week as guests of the wedding at the club house of Jon and Kerry Jodvaskis who receptioned at the Maritime Museum (a first we believe).



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

**SAT Mar 12 for the Special Trophy Race.**

**Our cota boats are racing in Geelong next week as part of the Wooden Boat Festival...please visit this event!!**

**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"**

