



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

The Cec Anderson Race 5 in the Series Saturday April 9, 2016

A great course but Hughie had other ideas!!

After a failure to get out last weekend it was anticipated that a good day always follows a poor one!

The early indications were for a westerly to sou'westerly varying to 17 knots on a reasonable flood tide.



At briefing at Noon it was anticipation that had everyone on their toes with Acting Commodore John Barry talking about the committee meeting and particularly the Presentation Night fast approaching on Sat 14th May to which we all need to book earlyplease!

Club Captain Brian discussed the weather and overviewed the course No 10 in dispersed with comments by the back bench...in the end it was agreed along with the return to the club for drinks post race. Noted courtesy of Steve Lee that #4 West Channel was a buoy given the knock down by a fisherman last year! Additionally it was congratulations to Colin Bishop and Tintagel for winning the last four races in an almost record attempt to eclipse the big boys!!

(And of course we had to give the bad news of the burglary at the club last Monday arvo when the club lost around \$4000 worth of goods.)

Our OOD's for the day were Jill Golland and Geoffrey Mathews providing us with the best in support and info.

The course was a variable one, not undertaken this season, from Grass Beds to Swan Spit to Coles Channel light, #6 West Channel, #7 West, Coles Light, #4 West, #3 West back to QA and home to Grass Beds.

The start with Div1, saw Tintagel grasp a good lead from Wave Dancer with a vengeance as a good breeze swung over the course.

And Div2 was not much different with Kinsale3 and Valentine taking close quarters to each other whilst Tiercel came from the east toward the committee boat but caught in the flood tide was swept toward Swan and then behind her being forced to tack with a 360 before following the other two down to Swan Spit some minutes later.



Div3 came up quickly and attacking the start was Imagine just behind Sundance but pushing her below the line making Sundance come around and follow Imagine through the line by a matter of metres.



Down to Swan Spit was a quiet off the wind run with Div1 around the corner at the Coles Light before Div3 made the mark. Imagine caught on a larger swell as she came to Swan Spit gave the impression that the tide could well have had a touching scene on Imagine as had Tiercel the week before....good work Chris!

A quick run out to the west to the Coles saw the fleet following each other as Tintagel and Wave Dancer had their teeth well and truly on leading the rest along the course.

Looking to the east toward #6 West (buoy), saw everyone around in almost record time and taking off to #7 West Channel before tacking back to windward to try for the return to the Coles light.

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This mark was made a little easier as the flood tide and brisk wind assisted this windward leg. Again the Div1 lads in Tintagel and Wave Dancer were holding their own in front of the queue.



A return sail toward the West Channel to #4 Pile was again a quick run given the breeze still evident across the fleet with the lively lads still leading.

However all did not go to plan at this point in the race!

The breeze having gusted well along the way, suddenly started to soften and whilst the Div1 yachts in Tintagel and Wave Dancer had easily made the #3 mark and were on their way across to QA...Wave Dancer getting within a hares breath of Tintagel, it was Imagine and Kinsale3 who just made the start of this journey, whilst the balance of the fleet were left in the lurch.

Approaching #3 Pile was Sundance, Tiercel and Valentine that were cursing "Hughie" as he decided "in all good faith" to drop the breeze to a zephyr leaving the three back markers at this point in time sitting in a flood tide with barely any forward momentum.



Tack as they would Nothing would eventuate and after more than 30 minutes and the time approaching 4pm It was decided by all three in Valentine, Tiercel and Sundance to put up their hands for a "DNF".

And we thought it bad enough...the Royal Geelong fleet racing from Geelong to Queenscliff were all approaching the finish off Swan Spit and most stalled alongside our fleet...having come all day to this point!

However in the meantime using all their wits, the four remaining vessels skipped along the Swan Island shore avoiding as much tide as possible ...whilst not running aground...and made their way toward Grass Beds and the finish line.

In this last leg run it was Imagine that over took Tintagel and Wave Dancer whilst Kinsale3 in a late charge took the only possible place with crossing the line last and some 16 minutes behind the leader.

And that was how they finished!

However on handicap it was another example of good sailing that got Tintagel with Colin and Ian the win, over second placegetter Waver Dancer with Dave and Alice with third place to Kinsale3 skippered by Doug and crew Ken, Andrew and Chip.

Congratulations to Colin on his fifth win on the trot with Tintagel....I guess the couple of scrubs during the season and some of "Hughies" medicine did the trick!!



Whilst there are only two races to run in the season....it could be a close finish on the ultimate championship challenge as we near Presentation Night!!

Next Club Racing start: Is on.... SAT April 16th for the final race (#6) in the Cec Anderson Series...

Meet at the harbour outside the QHPL Shed.....at Midday for a briefing before racing at 1.30pm as usual.



Remember "Presentation Night" at the Lonnie Bowling Club on Sat night 14th May for a night triumph and despair of lost victories combined with a pic show not to forget.....

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Reference: Please include your last name and the word "dinner" with a direct deposit or EFT."

Note to all:

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