



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

Cole Cup to Portsea Race, Sat Jan 09, 2016

A lovely day for a sail and a race to Sorrento and Portsea!

A beautiful day dawned as was predicted with light winds from the south as the crowd of sailors with their skippers gathered at the Harbour Precinct for the midday briefing and words from the Commodore.

With last week's blowout of the supposed resail of RM4 in our memory it was good to see the conditions to our liking.

Jill welcomed everyone back into the new year and wished the group well in the sailing season to come...she reiterated the "Pink Lady Regatta" preparations and activities in general for next Saturday, urging all and sundry to participate and come to the events in the harbour and on the water, as well as the festivities



back at the club house after racing is complete.

Club Captain Brian with Ian Lee as OOD briefed the group on today's race to Portsea / Sorrento on the course to be followed and expected conditions on the course.

The course for today was Grass Beds to Parks inner buoy in the Bight, to Pope's Eye Pile, to Sorrento Channel Starboard mark off Point King, returning to Pope's Eye Pile, Wedge Pile and finally finishing at Grass Beds. A course of around 14.9 Nm.

At the start it was a good one in Div 1 with the coutas in Defiance and Nellie hitting the line hard and looking to make it a winner.

By Div2 it was Boomaroo who was missing and sitting lonely off Grass Beds inshore and looking grounded, whilst Kinsale3 took the lead out of the blocks followed by Tiercel and Valentine ahead of Fancy who went well out in the tide away from the start.

In Div 3 it was Imagine just ahead of Sundance on the pin end of the line with each viewing the other to gather the spoils of the race.

As Div3 started it was the fleet heading well up toward Bell Rock in approaching Shortlands Bluff for the run down to the Parks Mark off the beach.

With a good breeze Defiance was well ahead of the fleet and heading Nellie whilst Kinsale3 headed the Div2 boats along the shore chasing Div1.

Around the Parks mark it was Defiance ahead of Kinsale3, Valentine, Tiercel, Sundance, Nellie, Imagine and finally Fancy. Boomaroo had radioed in and requested a tow off the sand bar at Grass Beds and was officially a DNS.



By the time Imagine and Nellie rounded the Parks mark all vessels were on the track to Pope's Eye Pile almost to windward with Sundance now heading the field.

Off Portsea and toward Sorrento it was difficult tracking the wind although it appeared that the field generally achieved a good run amongst all the

Couta Boats and recreational craft around Portsea and Sorrento.

At the Sorrento / Point King mark it was Sundance followed by Kinsale3 and Valentine ahead of Imagine and the balance of the field as they headed down to Wedge before heading home to Grass Beds.



On this leg both Imagine and Valentine took to spinnakers and made good time with Imagine snapping at the heels of Valentine.



At Wedge, Valentine rounded first ahead of Imagine, but in attempting to continue to fly the kite, managed a kite drop that looked toward prawning for a seemingly long time.

Imagine took the opportunity and took the second position in the race behind Sundance.



At Grass Beds it was Sundance with line honours ahead of Imagine and Valentine third.

On handicap it was a big win to Defiance with Dave Cross ahead of Nellie with Russ Watson in second position and third by Valentine with Steve Lee at the helm.

Well done to all in a great sailing day and a course that saw the best of each vessel's performance.

Next Saturday we are hosting the "Pink Lady Regatta":

16/1/16 THE LADY SKIPPERS' RACE (and PINK LADY REGATTA).

***10.00 AM BOATS RAFT UP IN HARBOUR.**

***10.45 AM ALL ASSEMBLE IN FRONT OF THE HARBOUR OFFICE.**



Official opening 11am -

By our Immediate Past Governor of Victoria - Alex Chernov



If your vessel is participating and can take an extra person as part of our fund raising effort for Breast Cancer Research call Commodore Jill on 0409 562 976.

