



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

The Commodore's Cup 2015

- Sat March 21, 2015

For the Commodore and the day just got better...!!

The forecast looked good and we expected Hughie to pull one out of the box for us...we believe he did just that....that Hughie!!

At briefing the skippers and crew arrived buoyed by the weather outlook and predictions of a great sail in this special day being the Commodore's Cup.

Our Commodore Jill, waving not one but TWO sticks at us all, gave the crews a rev up for the race together with an invitation to get back and over to the club house for the Commodore's Cocktail Party at 7pm tonite with celebrations all round.

Club Captain and our OOD outlined the scenario for the afternoon's racing and the overview of the program for the Maritime Weekend next week starting with Fishy Tales on Friday night a good race day on Saturday and then a similar situation on Sunday with briefing at Noon again followed by a race and lastly the "Race The Ferry" at 3.30 pm.



The crews quickly disappear down the boardwalk to the carpark and off to the vessels.

Back to our race today, and on the water it is course #7 that our OOD Ian, Bev and Jock Lee have set for today's encounter, which provides for a Grass Beds start, followed by Wedge, Drapers Pile, Grass Beds, QA

Pile, Wedge, QA, Wedge, Drapers and finish at Grass Beds.

With a breeze building but moderate at the start it was a quick one for Div 1 with Nellie and Tintagel getting away on time. Note that Tintagel made amends this week by keeping clear of fishing lines and fishermen!! Lesson learned boys!!



With Div 2 it was a brilliant start by Doug Curlewis in Kinsale 3 that shot out of the blocks ahead of Regardless with Valentine, Fancy and Tiercel.....

At the starter for Div 3 and Imagine was the better of the two although Sundance was hanging on the skirt tails of Imagine through the gate.



The first lap seemed to hold most in their places with Nellie being the better to pass around first at Grass Beds.

Valentine is pursuing Kinsale 3 as they approach the Creek and Imagine had held out Sundance at the back of the fleet while Kinsale3 was effortlessly continuing her run in front of the Div 2 boys. Imagine makes a pass on Tintagel as they come to Grass Beds.



Approaching Wedge the second time the fleet was bunching up, with the back markers coming up on Valentine, Tiercel after gathering up the two Couta boats Nellie and Fancy.

An interesting spectacle was Regardless with Antony Heath and crew Darlene ... Antony doing the crew work hoisted the spinnaker on its side...Opps....doesn't make it go faster Antony!!

The weather starts to strengthen with a swift southerly to south easterly and around 17 knots....with the run down to QA for the last time the vessels are really moving.



On the return toward Wedge the tussle is really on ... Sundance has taken the lead with Imagine now under pressure to catch the flying Sundance.

Off to the north we see Regardless taking a bit of wind with Fancy making way behind her.

However not far out from wedge and on a hard beat Sundance shreds the No 1. Headsail through the centre, with a few other tears to make it curtains for

maintaining the lead..... the crew on Imagine watch on with "That's torn it for them" was the call!!....

But teamwork takes a big hand in the game here and the crew of Sundance set to work with bringing down the No 1 and replacing it with a No 3....inside five minutes it is done, and whilst Imagine starts to gain momentum Sundance takes on the extra power and continues the fight in front!! Well done crew.

By Drapers it is Sundance around 30 metres in front as they gybe around in 22 knots of stiff breeze....Imagine is tucked in behind the stern of Sundance and whilst JB takes a higher tack Imagine covers and continues to creep forward over Sundance.

Around the Creek Pile for the last time and suddenly the two big boys are neck and neck....at the Grass Beds finish line,

Imagine wins line honours by a mere whisker and seen by the OOD as one miserable second...Wow.

But wait Kinsale 3 takes third spot for line honours with a great time of just three minutes astern...well done to Doug and crew.



Others follow in order with Valentine, Tiercel, Tintagel, Nellie, Regardless and finally Fancy.

Congratulations and on handicap, the Commodore's Cup goes to Kinsale with Doug Curlewis at the helm.

In order of handicap placings Valentine is second, Tiercel third and others in order of Sundance, Nellie, Tintagel, Imagine, Fancy and finally Regardless.

Well done to all and a very enjoyable days sailing on Port Phillip Bay off Queenscliff.

Next Weekend for Club Racing

REMEMBER.....Weekend of FRIDAY TO SUNDAY Mar 27th to 29th – For the Maritime Weekend...

Starting on Friday Night with “Fishy Tales at the Museum Shed...7PM – “The Sea Pilot’s Coxswains”

SATURDAY March 28th with The Maritime Weekend Trophy Race

Followed on SUNDAY 29th with a short stern chaser race before taking on the might of the Searoad Ferry as she returns from Sorrento at around 3.30pm...

ALSO.....

Already you are late....ring and make sure – forms on the website. Coutas with SSCBC and Keel Boats with QLYC

Come sailing!!

