



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

The Annual Irwin Trophy Race

- Sat Jan 25, 2014

We "picked it like a nose" for a repeat performance of last week's weather!!!

A great performance last week in conditions around the 17 knots looked to be similar to this race for the Irwin Trophy as crews and skippers sauntered to briefing in the harbour.

Commodore Jill addressed the gathering with revving up a BBQ post-race and a warning to those who have not collected the new revised "Blue Courses" which were handed out in early November and on which all races are now raced!!

Sailing Captain Steve outlined a changed course for this week given the conditions were similar to previously and moved to change course #11 to add the Wedge to Swan Spit in the second lap.

SO just to give a bit of "stuff" to the course, it was Grass Beds, Creek, Drapers, Creek, Grass Beds, Swan Spit, Grass Beds, Creek, Drapers, Wedge, Swan Spit, Creek, Drapers, Creek, to Grass Beds (finish)

Congratulations to the previous week winner in Imagine with Chris Laker who looked decidedly proud of his achievement especially as his previous win constituted a lowering of his handicap this week . . ."What money on the table perhaps!!" ????????



With eight (8) yachts competing including Indulgence, Imagine, Rosie, Maud (welcome back strangers!), Tiercel, Valentine, Drizabone and Sundance, and 32 participants in this week's event it was going to be interesting.

Our OOD for the day was Invitational Jock Lee and Jennifer Gilbert standing in

Off Grass Beds yachts were hovering and things getting exciting but with seconds to go it was a run at the start by Indulgence and Rosie with the Drizabone taking a guarded approach in the end!

In Div 2 it was a quick Valentine to the line first with Tiercel gathering up her loins second and Maud driving a hard third position to start.

By the time Div 3 was to start it was Div 1 vessels that had now returned from Drapers and rounding the Grass Beds mark whilst both Imagine and Sundance flew at the line and took match positions toward Drapers. Confusing...well you had to be there....Jock our OOD ..looked the other way!!



The chase was certainly on all day but with the conditions maintain their intensity, it was difficult making headway for the back markers.

The only vessel taking to a spinnaker was Imagine on the run down from Drapers the first time! AND ... In reprisal Sundance moved to a #2 headsail to bring on some additional speed...



Somewhere in the middle of the race Drizabone went missing and was found to be way beyond the fleet over near Wedge when it really was a Drapers mark to be rounded....WOT!! But to Tom's credit they returned to fight the good fight along with the later finishes.



But on the day it was Tiercel with Colin Gibbs, Bob Mayne and Tudor Cosma in control and getting line honourswell done guys...second was Valentine and third was Imagine.



On handicap it was ...surprise!!...Indulgence with Colin Bishop, Ian Curtis and Geoffrey Mathews....with second place to Maud and third with Tiercel.

Incidentally to all who are wondering...if handicaps had not changed for this race ... it was still Indulgence from Tiercel and Maud...

Congratulations to the Indulgent boys on a great win...!!



OH ...we forgot...!!

And then to the evening and it was the generous and socially adapt gathering of the stalwarts who fronted the club house for the post race BBQ and celebration whilst mulling over the results of the days activities on the water...!! But we did enjoy a great sunset and the ambience was an overwhelming "Oh yes!" to end a great day!

Next Club Racing start: Is on....

*SATURDAY February 1st The Cole Cup to Portsea Race
..... SUNDAY Feb 2nd – For our "Messabout" day at the Club House and a BBQ lunch !!*

