

Ray Maki Series Supplementary.

Here is Steve Lee's (at the helm of Chinon) recall of the Ray Maki Supplementary on Sat 31/12/11.

Wind variable to NE 10 knots prior to start.

Defiance started in Division 1, but did not continue.

Chinon got away first in the second division followed by Zen and the cousta boats Maud, Fancy and Christabelle. Dave Haddon in Wave Dancer was not quite so quick.



Alone in the 3rd division was Sundance.

First mark - The Wedge.

Zen tacked out to sea to get out of Chinon's dirty air but into the ebb tide.

Going offshore, Zen picked up better wind while the inshore boats struggled in a weakening variable breeze: Zen gained a race winning lead and maintained it for the rest of the race..... a very clever move and well done Zen!

The wind shifted to the SE and the trailing cousta boats seized the opportunity and reached out to the Wedge, the first time Maude and Fancy rounding followed by Chinon, Christabelle and Sundance and Wave Dancer. Zen and Chinon popped their spinnakers and made up time to Swan Spit where Maud rounded just ahead of Chinon.

The course was back to Grass Beds.

Zen was well out in front of Chinon followed by the coustas Maud, Fancy and Christabelle and a fast approaching Sundance.



The wind had picked up and gone a little to the East for the last triangle so it was an easier tack out to the Wedge as Sundance started coming through the fleet.



It was spinnakers back to Swan Spit for Zen and Chinon. Chinon called buoy room on Sundance at Swan Spit pile but the faster boat powered home after Zen as the the Southerly sea breeze came in and brought the rest of the fleet romping home. Another challenging and great day's sailing on the bay.

