



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

Winter Series – Final Race #5

- Sun August 31, 2014

The last day of winter and a stunner for a yacht race....!!!

For the last race in this year's Winter Series, the weather was looking spectacular with a forecast of northerly winds to 15 knots and slight seas.

With no briefing, all yachts headed out to the course off Grass Beds awaiting Swan Rescue and the OOD's in Jennifer Gilbert and Brian Golland to review, set the course and prepare for a good day on the water.

The course was set as No 2 (given the northerly), from the standard courses, which started at Grass Beds on to QA to Wedge, Swan Spit, Wedge, SS, GB, Wedge, SS and finally finish off Grass Beds.

Doug Curlewis and crew Michael were already anticipating a great race in Doug's recently acquired Austral Clubman Sports (Kinsale3) and tempted the fleet with some nice work before the start....and of course there were the usual solid performers in Tiercel with Colin Gibbs and Tudor Cosma. Wave Dancer with Dave Hatton and Ross Houghton and finally Indulgence with Colin Bishop and crew Frank McMahon who individually had a firm grip on the race series as winning crew contender.



The race got underway at 1130 in light to moderate winds with a slight chopKinsale3 as first out of the blocks got away 30 seconds post time but cleanly ahead of Tiercel with Indulgence slightly ahead of Wave Dancer all headed to QA.



With QA rounded and on a good reach Kinsale3 took a good lead over Tiercel before almost rounding Wedge. However Kinsale3 took on the Wedge by allowing the tide to help her "collide" with Wedge and therefore a compulsory 360 before heading back to Swan Spit. No damage here according to reports.....!! Oh Doug...back on the points for the Mishap Award as an early starter!!

Even at Swan Spit Kinsale3 took some liberty and came within a whisker of taking the top of the mast in her anticipation of rounding closely!!

Whilst Tiercel was able to take a more direct route upwind due to its keel and weight, Kinsale3 took to head toward QA and tack to the mark at SS. However at Swan Spit, it was Kinsale3 about 30 metres ahead as they rounded Swan Spit heading back across the course.

Wave Dancer was trailing by some 300 metres with Indulgence taking rear guard some further 400 metres astern.



Swan Rescue took position off Swan Spit and took some of the shots you see here and finally after seeing the fleet pass Swan Spit and headed back to Grass Beds for the last time to be on station for the finish.



At the finish and with a strengthening breeze moving more westerly from north Doug Curlewis in Kinsale3 took line honours ahead of Tiercel by almost 8 minutes with Wave Dancer a good third some 14 minutes astern and lastly Indulgence finishing some 45 minutes after Kinsale3.

On handicap however it was Tiercel with Colin Gibbs at the helm that took the honours for the day followed closely by Wave Dancer just over a minute behind with Kinsale3 a further 2 minutes astern and lastly Indulgence eight minutes shy of her.



A great day sailing and racing off Queenscliff by all who participated in this club event to top off the Winter Series.

Presentation dinner will be held Saturday night 4th October (delayed due to circumstances) at the Esplanade Hotel as advertised on the website which is the annual presentation of crew and skipper awards Be there and enjoy some of the QLYC comradery.



**Remember: Presentation Dinner for Winter Series
–Sat October 4th at the Espie!!**