



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

The QLYC Centenary (for 2013) and Cec Anderson #1

- Sat Jan 18, 2014

We roasted in the week that was...and found a nice cool but pleasant sail in the lee of the weather...(sic!)

After such a tumultuous week of hot weather Saturday dawned lovely for a great sail racing on the bay.

At briefing it was a crowd of skippers and crew that were welcoming each other back and looking forward to some further adventure with the start of the Cec Anderson Series and combined with the postponed sail of late 2013 in the "QLYC Centenary Cup".



Sailing competition at Queenscliff started 100 years ago, in 1913 and so a Centenary Cup was appropriately designated to be sailed in late 2013, but with the weather gods seeking revenge ...it was carried over into the current year.

Briefing for the race took the usual festive scene with social congregation of sailors and a pleasant day....pity we don't have a coffee van close by!!

The list of yachts competing and sailors indulging in this combination race was 9 yachts and 31 on the crew list!

Steve as Captain introduced the Commodore who was welcomed back after a month away in Tassie sailing.....and Jill in turn welcomed Gayle Morris back as the intrepid sailor from overseas!

The pic seems to indicate a quiet contemplation by both skipper Colin and crew Bob before taking to the water!! Did they know something??



The course for the day would be again announced on the water from the Swan Rescue and was found to be Course #6 being the same as last week with Grass Beds start to Popes Eye Pile, Wedge, Grass beds, PEP, Wedge, Swan Spit, Wedge and finish at Grass Beds. The wind in this case being around 18 knots and southerly.

With three divisions and separation of 10 mins between the first two but 20 minutes to Div 3 the chase would be on for the back markers.

At the start, it was Div one that got away quickly and on time with Pequita (welcome back Jane after some two years away from the shores of Port Philip....), and Rosie not fronting the starter...could have been the call of another roast dinner!!

Div two was a little more laid back when Fancy took off toward Swan Spit and Wave Dancer took some 9 minutes to take to the line....Fancy eventually coming back for instructions from the OOD as to the right course...

The others in Valentine, and Tiercel did very well and took off with intent to make good!

At Div 3 it was Imagine making it ahead of Sundance from an easterly direction to the line, pushing Sundance at each opportunity before the start and making it first across....both yachts looking for advantage by tacking away as they went toward Pope Eye.

By Pope's Eye with a strong southerly and flood tide both Div 1 and 2 were tacking to manage to rounding, and Div 3 catching the leaders.

Valentine was going well but Tiercel was also exceeding expectations and looking dangerous whilst Fancy took the middle road after her early misdemeanours whilst Wave Dancer was heading most in her normal strong efforts within the field. Drizabone with Tom Fricke was heading well and gaining some ground and best of all was Pequita with either of Jan or Peter helming, to make ground against her rivals.

It was difficult attempting to gain a true appreciation of the field as many directions and some tacking for rounding of Pope's Eye was evident against the flood tide.



By the second lap it was Chris Laker in Imagine now taking control of the lead but pursued by JB and Sundance looking to gain an edge whilst the fleet looked to be spooked by a lightening of the breeze and the likelihood of a sea fog generating from outside the heads.

On the last lap and heading toward Swan Spit the breeze came back in but only around 10 to 12 knots which saw the fleet taking advantage of it for a final spurt!

At the finish the OOD welcomed the fleet just around 4pm with Imagine well in the number and first across the line followed some 7 minutes later by Sundance and third being Valentine which is now becoming a contender following her being an apprentice.



On handicap it was the heavyweight in Imagine taking the honours by almost two minutes over Tiercel and nearly eight minutes over Sundance in third spot.

Others following these in order were Pequita, Drizabone, Wave Dancer and lastly Valentine.

Congrats to all in a good contest and some changing conditions with the crown probably going to Pequita

for coming back after a few years to make a meal of it with fourth position.

AND as a footnote:

- The "Blue Courses" have been put on the internet and copiously linked.
- Steve's new boat has finished with provisional handicap, and will be very competitive.

And a thanks to our OOD's...



Next Club Racing start: Is on....

SATURDAY January 25th The Irwin Trophy Race followed by a BBQ at the Club House!!.

AND A WEEK LATER:

SUNDAY Feb 2nd – For our “Messabout” day at the Club House and a BBQ lunch !!

Note to all: Courses are revised (**BLUE SHEETS**) for this season and more will available at briefing on Saturday, available from the OOD....no excuses!!