



Cole Cup to Portsea – Nov 12, 2011

After the celebration of Opening Day last Sunday ..there was a spirit of adventure in the air with crews assembling in the harbour on a really superb day ...predicted breezes of 15 knots and a sunny day for sailing Port Philip Bay!!

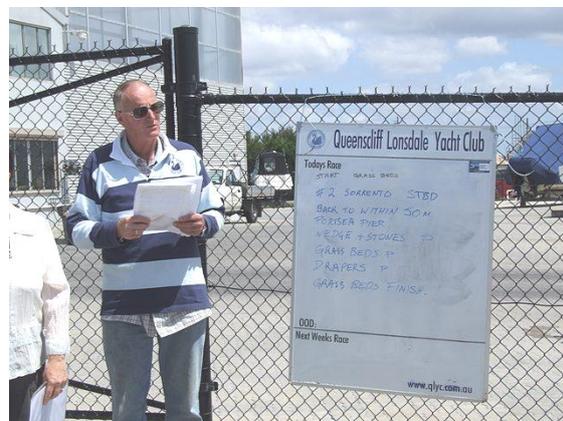
Again we had the privilege of our OOD in Ian and Bev Lee combined with David Millie assisting...Thanks Ian, Bev and David.

Did Ian and Bev hide the afternoon tea and best cakes from David???

Again Sailing Captain Ian Curtis and Commodore Jill reviewed issues and provided information to assembled skippers and crews on club stuff!

Jill is keen to have everyone's details in order that we can more easily contact them for race and social activity! Please get a page off the website.

Today's course was the Cope Cup to Portsea and basically was course direct to the Sorrento #5 pile and return via a few marks.



Not sure what was said between Doug and Ian ..but something looks odd..."Now my arm went this way and my leg over the side..."

Did others see the "Hooligans" anchored between the Creek Mark and the Cut in the channel diving with the diving flag up... BUT blocking the creek with their air hose!!! Does a 50 metre zone blocking the channel count??!! What the !!!

Back to our race....Eight yachts awaited starter's orders off Grass Beds with a newby in Lionheart joining us on her first race. Welcome to Patrick and Lindy.



In div 1 Tintagel and Rosie leapt out of the blocks in a 15 knot wind and moderate to calm sea heading directly at the Annulus on their way to Sorrento. They did look hard to beat!

Div 2 got away with Chinon leading ahead of Tiercel, Lionheart, and Fancy who were up to the challenge and looking to run down their div 1 opponents.

In div 3 Sundance and Kinsale sorted themselves out with Tintagel and Rosie almost out of sight.



In passing the Wedge and Annulus of Popes Eye yachts seemed to pick up some speed ...mind you the nose tends to ensure acceleration is consistent with smell of the nests and birds present!!

Some care was taken by all skippers as shallow waters off Sorrento were encountered and approaching Sorrento Pile depth seemed an issue...Sundance sort a peculiar line as she saw the depth reducing rapidly but all was well in the end....Rosie tacked and for unknown reasons luffed badly ensuring avoidance by a bearing down Tiercel!

From Sorrento the fleet headed to a point 50 metres off the Portsea Pier before taking off to the Wedge rounding and heading back to Grass Beds to a shortened course.



Across the line was first in Sundance having run down the fleet earlier with Kinsale second and Chinon third.

Chinon was seen in the last leg "rounding up" with her spinnaker whilst running over the top of Tiercel toward Grass Beds. Not to be out done following the finish...made a spectacular show of spinnaker wrapping and crew attempts to bring the spinnaker down!! Nice one guys ...but caught!

And the winner is on handicap with blistering pace and turn of speed ..."Rosie"congratulations to Scott and the boys for an excellent race.

Second on handicap was our old favourite in "Tintagel" with Colin and Ian throwing caution to the wind...and third our old friend and new vessel to the fleet..."Tiercel" .

Well done to all ..check your results and see what needs doing before we sail again....

Nice to see some new blood amongst the crews competing with mention made of Ron and Lex Wilks daughter, Margie (remember "Luff Affair"?)

A couple of our lads are sailing the "Goorangai Trophy race with QCYC next Saturday from Brighton to Queenscliff.....good luck!!

And from the Commodore..."fair seas and strong winds!!"

