



QLYC.... The Commodore's Cup - Sat April 20, 2013

Wow...another day and night to remember!!

The Sailing Captain, Ian Curtis said it all, with the Commodore missing (but her hand puppeting our man) at briefing re the Annual Commodore's Cup and announcement of the Commodore's Cocktail party to be held this evening following the race!!



A lovely light breeze promised with a lift in intensity later in the afternoon saw nine skippers attend briefing with a significant number of crew in attendance.



Not sure about Tom Fricke's preparation for briefing . . . was there some air of anxiety ... we're not sure!!

Our OOD Ian Lee and Bev saw to it that the briefing ensured crews knew the lie of the land before setting out on an unspecified course and burgees indicating an easterly wind along with a tide likely to come on strong in flood later in the race.

Eight skippers signed on with a good number of crew looking to capture the prize awarded by the lady commodore!!

The course was set as #8 from the book and even the crews sailing past to the OOD to find which course complained that the OOD had the number upside down!!

The course was grass Beds to Wedge, Drapers, Grass Beds, Wedge, Grass Beds, Wedge, Drapers, Grass Beds, Wedge, Drapers and finally to Grass Beds finish.

At the flag on first division away went the fillies in Indulgence, Rosie and Drizabone.

On the Second division there was a flutter of competitiveness until Zen pulled out the stops, followed by Tiercel and Wave Dancer.



At third division it was the old rivals with Imagine across the line just ahead of Sundance with both carrying larger crews and looking to line honours.

On the first leg and into the second, the pacesetters were division 1, but were quickly run down by the ferocious intensity of Zen sailing quickly over the top and leading both Div 1 and 2. Tom Fricke at the helm of Drizabone, fought valiantly and hard to fend off all comers....

Breezes were moderate with very little tide, which favoured the smaller yachts in the fleet who were able to take advantage without tacking, as would normally be in swift tide.



Imagine was a clear leader by the end of the second lap and Sundance was making some headway but pegged back on the Wedge to Drapers and Grass Beds legs.

Indulgence looked well in contention and provided the Div 3 boys with a duel as she worked the Drapers Pile to advantage.



The Division 2 lads, flew spinnakers and coloured the sky from Wedge with Tiercel taking a rear guard behind Wave Dancer, Sundance and Imagine. Tiercel stood out with her white spinnaker with the silhouette of the Currawong emblazoned.

More than half way through the race (lap 3), Indulgence looked to the heavens for assistance and got the view of a broken spreader shimmering down the mast and clattering on the deckleading to her shortened race efforts for the day....

A wrapped spinnaker seemingly by Wave Dancer put a little fly in the ointment on the second leg from Wedge.

Toward the end of the third lap approaching Drapers, the wind kicked in and with the tide flooding the sea broke into short chop. And with that the shortened course flag from the OOD signalled the end of the race with Imagine leading by a minute over Sundance.



An exciting race by anyone's standards and whilst some adventures showed it was consistent sailing and good manoeuvres that did the trick.

Over the line it was Imagine from Sundance with Zen in third.

However on handicap it was Sundance and John Barry that took the honours over the shortest of margins from Drizabone with Tom Fricke at the helm then Imagine two minutes further back in third position.



Well done to JB on a fine cup win with this making JB's fourth win of the six awarded Commodore's Cup since 2006/7!!

AND so it was that the members descended to the club house for the Annual Commodore's Cocktail Party and the delights of a few well mixed cocktails, courtesy of JB's son (and heir) in Robert, whilst the absolutely, well presented and scrumptious plates of savouries and food capped, off with some beautiful dessert/cakes, saw many people stay well into the evening waiting for more!! Commodore Jill excelled, with a few rings of the bell, in applauding those special members who had dug deep and presented such a great night ensuring the new kitchen was utilised to the max!!

Congratulations to all on a very busy and successful day and evening in the life of QLYC.

PS: On a lighter note we saw some controversy over an alleged hiking manoeuvre by Sundance but looking at the CCTV footage of the race we saw the following vision...not sure about this one....imagination goes well and we record the evidence.

Next and last Club Event –

Supplementary - First start 1-30 PM.
Briefing and sign-on at MIDDAY,
in front of the Queenscliff Harbour Office.

