



QLYC
EASTER REGATTA.
Sat April 19 2014.

“ROSIE STEALS A MARCH!”



The last aggregate race of the season.

The OOD announced two short races; it's a regatta after all, and sent the fleet off to do Start, Drapers, QA, Drapers, Finish for the first race. For once the breeze was SW and a strong flood had begun.

Divisions One and Two (Rosie, Indulgence, Tiercel, Valentine, and Wave Dancer) were to start together. Imagine made a lonely Division Three. The Easter holiday had some crews supping at fleshpots far away, skippers of Maud and Sundance left ashore, gnashing their teeth.

The competing vessels prudently gathered near the start line, all except Indulgence who foolishly took the "cruise before the start" and was soon nearly half a mile down-tide from the start.



Incriminating eh? but no, this wasn't the reason, and the picture was taken on the second run between Drapers and QA.

Anyway Valentine got away to a timely start, Rosie and Tiercel a little later, Wave Dancer a lot later, and Indulgence a minute or so after Imagine.



The flood was strong and strengthening; pointing ability was at a premium, as was hugging the shore: nervous glances pierced the surface seeking the rocks inshore of Drapers.

Once round Drapers vessels burst towards QA as champagne corks leaving the bottle.



Some may have thought the inshore course offered an advantage, but nothing could beat the sheer power of Imagine as it roared into the lead.



Circumstances unfolded so that Imagine crossed the finish line eighteen minutes before Valentine who was about ten minutes in front of Tiercel and Wave Dancer and twenty minutes in front of Rosie: and Indulgence was still struggling to round Drapers the second time.

The OOD sensibly decided to abandon the second race, believing the finish would be after sunset.

All adjourned to the



At the bar, the club captain and the OOD announced the handicap results: Rosie, Valentine, Imagine, Wave Dancer, Tiercel. Indulgence, the flyer of the previous week, was a DNF.



Thanks to our Race Officers, Ian and Bev. Lee for putting up with hours of icy waiting.

The next and final race for the 2013-2014 season will be on 26/4/2014.
Briefing at the harbour at noon.
First Start 1-30 PM.

Please mark calendars and make bookings for the
Presentation Dinner, Lonsdale Golf Club,
17/5/2014.