



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

The Annual Lady Nelson Trophy Race

- Sat April 12, 2014

From a dismal forecast comes a lovely sailing day....!!!

The Annual Lady Nelson Trophy race is one of our last races of the season and provides that final opportunity to have your name and vessel inscribed on this famous trophy.

Again at briefing, with the typical social gathering of sailors ... a serious note to all as the forecasts looked grim for today's adventure but at last there is an opening of somewhere around 22 knots of breeze with only a hint of rain. Gossip is always an additional topic!!



Commodore Jill addressed the crews re our presentation night coming up on 17 May and thanking Colin Bishop for his reports in the absence of the Grub whom she also welcomed back from all points east after a month cruising!!



Some consternation with crew of Indulgence as the question came up..."Lunch...I thought you said ...PUNCH... there is only gin and tonic on board today...It'll have to do!!"



Sailing Captain Steve reviewed the day ahead.... Wishing all crews a great day sailing in pretty good conditions, after a poor weather week.

The Course ended up the old favourite one of Number 11...we are so used to it that our crew on

Sundance don't even look at the chart anymore...by memory!!

AND we welcomed our old friend Russ Watson back with Nellie taking on only her third race this season...better late than never..good luck Russ!

So off we go from GB to Wedge to Drapers etc....

Well for all concerned it was a great start in Div 1 as Indulgence got away on the knocker with Nellie following a little behind...and making a tack early.

In Div 2 it was Tiercel right on as a feature of recent starts and



followed by Valentine some 55 seconds adrift...(as a matter of record if the 55 secs late start is taken into account she was only 6 seconds corrected off taking Nellie down a place in the results!!)

In Div 3 it was Imagine just ahead of Sundance at the start but with a heavier vessel carrying a full rig she powered away and was not headed all day!

At Wedge the first time Indulgence continued her dominance as front runner whilst Nellie trailed but the Div 2 vessels, especially Tiercel was clawing her way forward.

By the second lap it was Tiercel overhauling the front of the fleet and Indulgence maintaining a fast time whilst the windward leg took a toll on Nellie having to tack and lose ground to others. Sundance opted for a sail change dropping her jib to No4 on the run down to Drapers Pile.



Valentine was feeling the pressure with heeling under the gusty conditions and working toward the front runners.

Imagine had a good run and continued to wear down the fleet although with Tiercel and Indulgence out there and making good time it took until the last lap of the course to take over the lead.

In the end it was Imagine with Chris Laker which lead the fleet over the line followed by Tiercel just under 5 minutes behind and Valentine in third position a further 4 minutes afield whilst Sundance came only 13 seconds adrift of her at the finish! Others following in order were Indulgence and lastly Nellie.

All vessels finished within 17 minutes at the finish proving a very good day

for handicapping and divisional categories.

On handicap however it was the ever popular and invincible Indulgence that proved the adage of the hare and tortoise again winning by over 4 minutes from Imagine which saw Tiercel in third place by a margin of less than a minute!!

Well done and congratulations to our treasurer and crew (and the handicapper!!) - with the sun setting on another good sailing day!!



Next Club Racing start: Is on....

SATURDAY Apr 19th The annual Easter Regatta series.

