



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

The Ray Maki Race 2 in the Series

- Sat October 25, 2014

Where are all the rest of the fleet...missing the action!!

The Ray Maki Series has its second race in the series last weekend with a field of 6 starters making it to the OOD for a second shot at making some history for the club around the sticks in Port Phillip.....

Briefing is brief as the skippers and crews are keen with a great day beckoning. Commodore Jill steps up and reminds us all of the Gala Opening Day on Sunday at midday and promises as she tends to do...a fabulous day with an historic sail past and BBQ with a horde of members and friends to join us.



Club Captain Brian congratulates John Barry on his win thin the first series race and outlines some relevant issues for today's race around tide, winds and forecasting a course No6 with the OOD's being Frank McMahon and Geoffrey Mathews.

Six skippers and their crew's competing are Sundance with John Barry, Tiercel with Colin Gibbs, Indulgence with Colin Bishop, Valentine with Steve Lee. Rosie with Scott Crisp and lastly Dave Hatton in Wave Dancer. Remembering that Dave is the winner of the Winter Series and is a serious contender at any time!

On the course proper the skippers mill around the OOD in Swan as the time ticks away toward 1.30pm and Div 1 start.

Sundance does a dance around the southern part of the course as JB makes adjustment to his compass and the auto helm....this may not help JB!!

Course No 6 is a Grass Beds to Pope's Eye Pile to Wedge, Grass Beds, PEP, Wedge, Swan Spit, Wedge and finally home to Grass Beds and Finish. The wind is a favourable south to south east at 12 knots and a flood tide.

In Div 1 it is Indulgence and Rosie (our only Cousta Boat starting!) that get away well on the course but with flood tide, take a line down the shore toward Drapers before attempting the trek to the Poe's Eye Pile in the west of the South Channel.



Div 2 with Valentine, Wave Dancer and Tiercel following Div 1, similarly showing a long line of participants down past Drapers before they turn for PEP.



In Div 3 it is a lonely Sundance that takes to the line right on the clock and turns her head to PEP just before approaching the Creek Mark and takes a direct line to the pile.

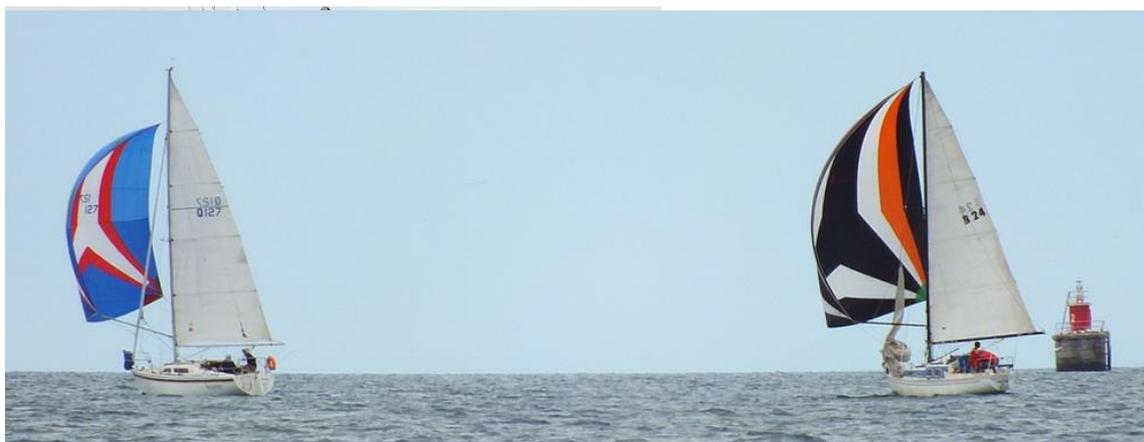
By Pope's Eye it is Sundance that reaches the mark first with the greater part of the fleet coming down behind her.

The fleet trails out across the first two marks as Sundance rounds Wedge and makes for Grass Beds the first time....



Up to PEP again with similar actions by the fleet as for the first lap and by PEP it is Sundance followed by Valentine and Wave Dancer making a good fist of it along with Tiercel ahead of Rosie and Indulgence.

Across to Wedge and then on to Swan Spit shows the fleet in a virtual line across the latter two marks but we hear that Indulgence has pulled the plug and has taken off for home to make her a DNF...



Off to Wedge the third time for the day and Sundance leads easily but a great challenge for handicap honours is amongst Wave Dancer, Valentine and Rosie making a big charge as Div 1 with a good handicap!

Looking back as Wave Dancer and Valentine are rounding Swan Spit Wave Dancer gets into more trouble than the early settlers with a great wrap in her spinnaker and this loses her the handicap position she was headed to....bad luck Dave.



Around Wedge and back to Grass Beds it is Sundance romping home, (Young Finn at the helm!), as lead boat and making line honours....good work JB.

The fleet flies home in quick time thereafter with Valentine second and Wave Dancer third with only 7 minutes behind. Tiercel trailed the fleet in this race.

Congratulations to John Barry and Sundance on their second win in the series in handicap placing making it by 4 minutes corrected to second Rosie with Scott and David, closely followed by Wave Dancer in third position.

A great race and finish and all skippers and crew make it to the Espie for a quiet few drinks to celebrate the season which is looking very promising.



Thanks especially to our OOD's in Frank and Geoffrey who did a great job.

During the week we were advised by Ian and Bev Lee of their unavailability for OOD duties as Ian has a damaged shoulder preventing him from the arduous duties involved.. Get well soon guys and we wish you the best as we make the season a winner at least on your behalf!!

Next Club Racing start: Is **SATURDAY Oct 25th** The next in the *Ray Maki Series*. (Two Sprint Races!)

Note to all: Courses are **(BLUE SHEETS)** for the current season and more will be available at briefing on Saturday, available from the OOD

