



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

The Ray Maki Race 3 – Sprint Series

- Sat November 15, 2014

We might have missed last week .. but we made up for it this week!!

The Ray Maki Series continues with a bit of a gap last week when weather took its toll on us and racing was cancelled.



But this week the word was out and we all gathered in the harbour for the delayed Ray Maki 3 which by the program is a two race sprint series on the day...again as we gathered it was six yachts and 18 sailors that signed on to make a good day of what could be a really excellent couple of races.

Commodore Jill opened proceedings with a reminder of next week's Sunday OTB Messabout Day following the Saturday racing which will be the Annual Channels Trophy Race.

The Club Captain outlined the preferred course after briefing on the alternative and given some tide considerations it was a course from QA to Grass Beds, to Tuckey 2 across to Swan Spit and finish at QA.

The first race was to be a one lap and if time permitted it would either be a two lap of the same but probably a one lap repeat. Two divisions only for the day with Div1 being Valentine, Wave Dancer, Indulgence, Rosie and Tiercel followed by Div2 being a lonely Sundance 10 minutes shy of Div1.

OOD for the day was Commodore Jill accompanied or perhaps directed by Frank McMahon who intended to include a little fishing whilst waiting for the fleet to make the finish.

We welcomed two new sailors to our crews this week in Amanda with young Joshua and Joy as well as Brent Willing returned from NZ for another sail.

On the course the buoy was laid at Grass Beds and Swan Rescue anchored off QA with fishing lines on the outside of the course!



Race one looked a treat on the QA start with Div1, although the bedraggled Indulgence almost took their usual time getting there after an early afternoon tea break although the field was led by Wave Dancer, Valentine, Rosie and Indulgence with Tiercel behind the fleet.

Div2 in Sundance sprinted to the line and proceeded to make ground on the fleet which was a tough call, given the lap time was going to be well under the hour.

At Grass Beds it was everyone around before Sundance arrived and at Tuckey2 everyone took reasonable steps to keep clear of the markvery interesting wind shifts around this mark also!

It was the back marker Indulgence that was trailing the fleet and Sundance looking to sprint across to Swan Spit amongst the fleet but the effort proved too great and only half the fleet were captured after rounding of Swan Spit and heading home and finish at QA.

Doug Curlewis arrived late on the scene in Kinsale 3, just as the fleet was finishing race 1, enjoying a lone skipper sail in the sunshine and not taking part....!

Wave Dancer and Valentine strove for the lead along with Tiercel making her presence felt. Line honours went to Wave Dancer with Valentine a mere 34 seconds behind and third was Tiercel another 36 seconds back.....Others followed in Sundance, Rosie and lastly Indulgence just over 19 minutes behind Wave Dancer.

Unfortunately the fleet needed to cool their heels whilst Indulgence with Geoffrey and Colin braved the backmarker elements.



Race two started at 1440 and this time, it was a great start by everyone in Div1 and the fleet looked a picture as they went toward Grass Beds much like a soldier's course.



It was a much tighter field for this second race and the breeze had lifted slightly making a lovely sail windward to Grass Beds and of course a great and quiet ride

downwind to Tuckey2 although all were trying hard to gain some ground on this leg....no spinnakers as it seemed pointless for the distances involved!

At Tuckey2 it was a close race with Tiercel making the best of it followed by Wave Dancer, Rosie and Valentine across to Swan Spitat Swan Spit it was Wave Dancer and Valentine at the mark as Sundance passed outside and Tiercel well ahead and leading.



Half way down the leg to QA it was Sundance that overtook Tiercel finally and Sundance had the front running and eventual line honours in this second race.

Tiercel was second over the line with a minute 12 behind and third was Wave Dancer a little over 3 minutes behind Sundance over the line. Valentine followed with Rosie in 5th and lastly Indulgence.

Back at the Espie following the race, the crews and skippers gathered to hear the results, but an error of two minutes saw Wave Dancer announced (incorrectly) as winner for the combined two races but eventually the error was sorting out the real results were

Sundance by just over a minute on corrected time to Rosie 2nd and Wave Dancer third, only 21 seconds behind. Others were Tiercel 4th, Valentine 5th and lastly Indulgence.....

A great day sailing and one of the best we have had as a sprint series....thanks to all who competed!



Next Club Racing start: Is **SATURDAY Nov 22nd** with *The Cole Cup to Portsea* – meet at harbour as usual at midday!

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



Above is a pic of Joy on board Tiercel taming the fleet....and ...

Right: A great pic of Joshua at the helm of Sundance during the first race on Saturday...well done!

