



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

The Ray Maki Race 4 – Sternchaser

- Sat December 13, 2014

Another great sailing day after last week's blowout...!!

The Ray Maki Series has passed midway and continued this week with a fantastic sternchaser.

The word was out on Friday by email to all skippers that the weather gods were looking to compensate us for the blowout the previous week when Around Mud Islands was cancelled.

At briefing the crowd of skippers, crew and OOD's were eager to get a promising sternchaser under their belt and signed on with enthusiasm Even knowing the handicapped time for their start.

Our Commodore Jill talked up the day and invited everyone to next week's Xmas party at the club on Friday evening (BYO all!).

The Club Captain outlined a course of Grass Beds to Swan Spit to Wedge Pile and return to Grass Beds for the sternchaser with as many laps of the course as required to make the finish time of 4pm. The wind was favourable at around 15 plus knots but dropping later but would be combined by a tide moving to flood and the Northerly moving slightly easterly later.



With start time for 1.30pm first off would be a missing Rosie followed by Drizabone and we all know of young Tom's ability in these races. However last off the start was Sundance with a giveaway of 54 and half minutes to the leaders.

The OOD's in Jill and Frank were in control and watches primed as the start edged closer.

Drizabone got away right on their time and everyone except Tintagel got their start pretty well as it should young Colin tried a "get there early and confuse them" routine almost providing Fancy and Paul van Prooyen with a heart starter, as Colin had read his start time incorrectly by 3 minutes!

Tintagel then got around and started two minutes late as a result.



The order away was Drizabone, Nellie, Fancy, Tintagel, Tiercel, Valentine and finally Sundance.



As Sundance started it was Drizabone and Nellie only a few hundred metres from Grass Beds having almost completed their first lap of the course....

Valentine ran her spinnaker on two legs after rounding Wedge but found difficulty the second lap and probably lost some time as a result.



The front runners in the coutas Drizabone and Nellie maintained their control of the race and certainly Fancy as well had a better race



given the two of three reaching legs in their favour.

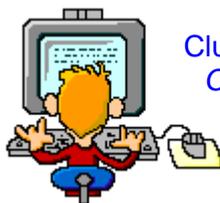
Frank as OOD took good times whilst Jill and he were still fishing in the interim periods....nothing caught and landed though!

Frank and Jill recorded the fleet and front runner in Drizabone lost two minutes to Nellie on the second lap with using the flood tide to their advantage....nice thinking Russ!



At the 4pm mark it was the OOD that announced that Drizabone had won from Nellie and Valentine over the course with Tiercel, Sundance, Fancy and lastly Tintagel finishing in that order.

(The Grub wishes to thank Jill for taking the photos and OOD Frank for great time keeping and good info that makes these reports a substantive record of the antics of the participants!)



Club Racing next start is..... **SATURDAY Dec 20th with The Channels Race – meet at harbour as usual at midday!**

Note to all: Courses are **(BLUE SHEETS)** for the current season and if you need to check go to this website and download a copy.