



## Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

### The new season – Ray Maki Race 1

Sat October 17, 2015

#### The new season begins...Brilliant opening racing day...!!

The anticipation of the new season is here with the opening race in the Ray Maki Series....Race 1.

And what a great day it was with unfortunately only 5 skippers fronting for the opener....where were the others??

Commodore Jill Golland called the crowd together for our first race briefing and welcomed everyone on a delightful day.

Jill talked of a number of items following yesterday's committee meeting including six new members applications for membership....a probable record in recent times.

Jill handed over to Club Captain Brian for the race formalities.

At briefing it was Kinsal3, Valentine, Tiercel and Tintagel joined by our new members in Tom Hinton with partner Alison in their red S&S 34 named "Boomaroo". The Couta fleet were noticed for their absence amongst us and Sundance having sped back from annuals in Geelong was sidelined with an abortive drive in engine mounts...sorry JB...next week??

Today was a brisk breeze around 12 knots and southerly possibly gusting later, and for that course #6 was chosen providing the vessels with a great sail around the bay including the Pope's Eye Pile marking the South Channel with Wedge Pile and Swan Spit before finishing at Grass Beds with the Committee Boat "Swan".

Skippers were reminded of their obligations with respect to documentation emailed in the past week on courses, vessel, radio declarations, membership/vessel information and NOR for season 2015-16. Our OOD's for the day were Commodore Jill assisted by Alex Eagleson.

Early on the course were the OOD sitting patiently whilst our 5 vessels organised themselves before commencing the countdown to Division 1.



At the anointed time for Div1 it was the absence of Tintagel with Colin and Ian that had heads being counted. Time went by before the lads appeared on the horizon having partly dismantled their motor at the mooring, completing repairs and disappearing down the "Cut" to front the starter some 1 min 36 secs late!!





In division 2 all others starters plied the line early and then with seconds to go it was on....Tiercel ran along to the east as did Valentine with Kinsale3 heading to the pin nicely although being called "Starboard" by an anxious Valentine before making a good start.

Boomaroo held her ground sailing up the line tacking to start and following the fleet 14 seconds behind.

Heading toward Pope's Eye Pile, saw the fleet sail to the creek mark before tacking, when Boomaroo set out to the east with the balance sailing down the Queenscliff headland toward Drapers before tacking out.

At Pope's Eye it was a tussle between Kinsale3 and Boomaroo who tacked before Boomaroo won the rounding and set off for Wedge.



Valentine followed as the other two passed downwind whilst Tiercel completed some distance back and Tintagel took the tail.

At Wedge it was almost follow the leader except Kinsale3 took a quicker run outside Boomaroo making it just ahead at Grass Beds the first time before taking the second lap.



Again it was Boomaroo forging ahead with the breeze lifting slightly and Kinsale3 shortening sail before continuing...others followed closely behind.

At Pope's Eye the second time Boomaroo tacked right on cue to avoid getting a hoot from the container ship and getting a couple of lifts skirted the pile ahead of Kinsale3 some distance behind with an extra tack.

Off to Swan Spit and an easy run, although the tide had picked up and made it a manoeuvre not for the faint hearted... after rounding, before heading to Wedge on a quick starboard rounding and finish at Grass Beds, only 5 minutes past the hour of 4pm with "Boomaroo" first home over the line ....

Congratulations to Tom and Alison on "Boomaroo" in their first club race with QLYC having line honours ... Now to be called "The Bolter from Brighton!"

They were followed by Kinsale3, Valentine, Tiercel and finally Tintagel across the line.



On handicap it was a close finish with Tiercel taking the honours from Valentine with "The Bolter" in third place followed by Kinsale3 and Tintagel. Congrats Colin and crew!

On a review by the stewards it was revealed that Kinsale3 had taken a penalty by sailing under the "Creek Pile" and thus in admission was a DSQ. Sorry Doug!

Again with results in hand (on handicap) it was 23 seconds between 1<sup>st</sup> and second and a further 20 seconds to third placing.....thanks handicapper...nicely done!! And once again thank you to the OOD's for their work and competence as always!

**Next Club Racing start: Is on....**

**SAT Oct 24<sup>th</sup> with the Ray Maki Race 2 in the series**

**Remember also we cannot be at the club house next week BUT will be at a venue TBA following this race including announcements!**

**Meet at the harbour outside the QHPL Shed.....at Noon.**

**A number of Skippers are looking for Crew and if you would like to be part of our unique racing in this part of the Bay ...call us or email via the website ...or contact us via "Facebook"**

