



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

Ray Maki Race 3, Sat October 31, 2015

The early morning storms gave way to good racing!

Who would have thought....waking up to thunderstorms and heavy rain combined with low clouds ...not a good day to be out racing on the bay... Well by midday at briefing it was the sceptics that stood at the back whilst everyone else looked up and out to a great breeze clearing skies.

At briefing the crowd was a little down as skippers organised crew and prepared for a day racing whilst our OOD's Ian and Bev Lee returned to take the helm of Swan Rescue again.

Commodore Jill opened proceedings with welcome and some items of information on club business before handing to Club Captain Brian for the specifics of the days racing.

Congratulations to last week's winner in Rosie who blitzed the field.

The Grub's apologies for no actual photos of the actual race ...camera abandoned but will return next week Pics from the archives!!

Given the conditions a course was not immediately selected and would wait until the Lee's were in position on the course.

All other matters regarding weather and the Cup Day Cruise were discussed as formalities before skippers led the crews to their vessels.

Today we had 6 yachts and 18 sailors on the course.



On the course it was course #1 selected on the north easterly that had now picked up and was gusting to 15 knots.

The course was Grass Beds to #3 West Channel, Swan Spit, Grass Beds, #3, Grass Beds, #3, Swan Spit and finally finishing at Grass Beds, a journey of around 10.4 Nm.

In Div 1 off went Tintagel as a lone soldier but pretty well on time for once...nice!

In Div 2 there was some controversy as Kinsale3 with Doug Curlewis shot out of the blocks right behind Tiercel (Colin Gibbs) and Boomaroo (Tom Hinton) who both had got it wrong by breaking the start...whoops...back around for another go! Doug cheerfully gave them a wave as he passed! Wave Dancer with the lonely figure of Dave Hatton (skipper and crew) took it as it comes.

This meant a meaningful difference in time to start for both these vessels.



In Div 3 a lonely Sundance, skippered by John Barry, got a great start right on the line and hardened up to push up on the front runners who were well on their way to #3 West Channel.

At #3 it was the Tintagel heading the bunch with Tiercel alongside Boomaroo in their quest to run down Kinsale3.

Sundance was a few hundred metres astern of the fleet.



At Swan Spit and the return to Grass Beds Tintagel was fighting hard and doing well ... However Kinsale3 had them in their sights, whilst Boomaroo had hauled in Tiercel and Sundance making good ground.

By Grass Beds it was Sundance that had made significant ground and was out performing Kinsale3 with a reef jib. The Boomaroo had outpaced Tiercel

and Wave Dancer was keeping a close match with Tiercel with Tintagel falling in behind.

Out again to #3 with a return to Grass Beds there was a pretty good view as all yachts were closely matched and on the same leg, albeit taking a fair bit of coverage of the leg.

At Grass Beds Sundance took command of Kinsale3 just prior to the mark with Boomaroo in pursuit ahead of Tiercel, Wave Dancer (managing well), and Tintagel maintaining a grip at the end of the bunch.



Around #3 the last time and a great sight of the yachts coming up the bay in a lifting breeze.

Around Swan Spit and off home to Grass Beds to greet the OOD it was Sundance making it easily and reaching 9.5 knots as she powered down not too many minutes in front of Boomaroo who had grabbed the second position ahead of Kinsale3 before Swan Spit.

However the tussle was far from over and with the sporty Kinsale3 coming downwind to Grass Beds passed Boomaroo on the leg.

At the finish it was a big line honours win to John Barry in Sundance with second place going to Kinsale3 with Doug Curlewis and crew just ahead of Boomaroo in third with Tom Hinton and Alison

and Sue in fine style.

Others followed in order of Tiercel, Wave Dancer and finally Tintagel.

Interestingly all yachts completed the course of 10.4 Nm in just a few minutes over 2 hours and all finished within 33 minutes of top to tail.

On handicap it was John Barry and crew with Sundance who took out the honours ahead of Tiercel second with Tintagel third. Wave Dancer made a fourth place ahead of Kinsale3 and finally Boomaroo.

In result terms the first three yachts on handicap were only separated by 57 seconds and the fleet by 5.6 minutes. Well done handicappers!!

Average speeds for yachts over the course varied from 6.99knts to 5.08knts.

A great relatively short race by highly competitive with our thanks again to the OOD's in the Lee's

The return to the clubhouse again embodied the essence of QLYC with hot chips and a quiet drink over discussion of the day's sailing and it's quirky moments.

Next Club Racing start: Is on....

SAT Nov 7th with the Ray Maki Race 4 in the series

We will meet at a venue to be announced following the race which will include announcements!

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

Note to all: 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"

