



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

Ray Maki Race 5, Sat Nov 21, 2015

A day in which revised forecasts enabled good racing!

What do you say when our friends at the BoM said it was to be a blow out but then at the eleventh hour decided all would be well out there.

By noon Saturday, it turned out as windy but pleasant but with a forecast that showed conditions getting up later in the day after a big dawn blow.

At briefing it was Commodore Jill who revved up the gathering with her news of the January 16th Inaugural "Pink Lady Regatta" before handing to the Club Captain and OOD.

Brian reviewed the weather and indicated the course would remain close to shore for safety reasons whilst racing would be a bit breezy out there with 20 knots to be seen and gusts greater.

With five yachts signed on and some seventeen crew it was out on the bay that vessels headed.

On the course it was the OOD's in Ian and Bev Lee with Jock who notified skippers of the Course #11 being a shorter insider course of 7Nm from Grass Beds to Drapers, to GB to Swan Spit, GB, Drapers, GB, Drapers with a finish at GB.

In Div1 Rosie was a lone soldier, only 10 seconds shy of the starter and heading out from GB to give it a big go ahead of Div2 with the three contenders and whilst Valentine made it ahead of Boomaroo, both were on their way within 30 seconds of the gun, but it was Tiercel in an attempt to fool the handicappers...taking over a minute to make the line.

In Div3 a lonely Sundance literally danced along the line and was teasing the OOD as she swept across the line on time. At the first mark at Drapers it was Rosie slipping around first followed by Valentine, Tiercel and Boomaroo making ground ahead of Sundance as last around.



Taking off to Grass Beds and Swan Spit was a breeze in the conditions with Rosie making good time ahead of Valentine and Tiercel was hot on their heels.

Boomaroo went well inside and lost some ground with Sundance making a quick pass under Boomaroo on the way back to Grass Beds.

Having passed under Grass Beds the second time and returning to Drapers it was a sensational view as both Valentine and Tiercel took on Rosie whilst Boomaroo and Sundance still sat behind these.

At Drapers it was Valentine around followed by Tiercel and Rosie close whilst Sundance closed in.



On the return to Grass Beds the fleet had closed up and on the way back to Drapers the last time Sundance had grabbed the lead and needed to make ground in a short race.

Around Drapers and heading home it was Sundance ahead of Valentine with Tiercel close at hand, Boomaroo making up this group and Rosie now dropping well behind!



The Ferry as is always the case provided some highlights to the finish of the race with leaving her berth as the three middle placegetters approached.... Sounding her horn and heading straight at the fleet, we saw Valentine head toward her but made a great tack behind to savour her tactical advantage whilst Tiercel and Boomaroo headed out and awaited her passing before resuming the race to the finish!

Additionally as Sundance was approaching the finish Rosie was seen heading out from the Grass Beds mark with a problem seemingly with her headsail which would have taken a good ten minutes to complete before heading back to round the mark.

At the finish it was Sundance with line honours, but as she crossed the line, Rosie was heading to the buoy to round for her run to Drapers and return but thanks to Sundance's skipper JB, took a tack and allowed her room to make the mark. Well done JB and crew.

Second over the line was Valentine followed by Tiercel and Boomaroo all within 26 seconds of each other, whilst Rosie completed the course another 17 minutes behind.

Well done to everyone in a testing race with winds to some 27 knots in the end and an OOD crew happy to get off the water without spilling the teapot.

On handicap it was Sundance with a good win ahead of Tiercel second and third to Valentine.

Corrected times showed a gap of a little under 4 minutes to second with 8 seconds to third.

Average speeds on the course in higher winds were 3.55 for Rosie to 4.7 thru to 5.9 knots for the winner.



At the club house after the race it was hot chips and a glass of something all round as results were announced, although a slight miscalculation had Tiercel as winner instead of Sundance...sorry people for the heightened enthusiasm!

**Next Club Racing start: Is on....
SAT Dec 5th with the Ray Maki Race 6 in the series**

**And this week we will return to the Club House for a BBQ
and drinks including a special send off for Lindy, Patrick &
"Lionheart" who are casting off for new adventures in Yamba .**



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"**

