



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club....

Ray Maki Race 6, Sat Dec 5, 2015

The promise of a great day's racing upheld!

A great forecast by BoM and it did just that for the Ray Maki race 6 in the series.

As Ray Maki in his inimitable style would have commented, "A good 17 knots out there".

Everyone gathered with crews and skippers to be addressed by Commodore Jill, who commented particularly regarding the "Pink Regatta Day" to be held on Sat January 16 next, with preparations well in hand for sponsors, visitors and hopefully many yachts/boats on the water on our Lady Skippers Race Day.



Following the race the club is hosting a farewell BBQ to Patrick and Lindy of Lionheart as they prepare to move to Yamba in NSW after a number of years cruising and racing with the club.

For the race today, the Club Captain outlined the weather including a south westerly to southerly all day and the probable course including a number of important facets of racing in and around Queenscliff and fixed marks for the courses.

He encouraged any skippers to practise Man Overboard tactics before or after a race to ensure everyone can handle such a situation.

Brian welcomed our new member and owner of Fancy, Scott Taylor with son Hugh including visitors racing with the club today.

The OODs' for the day were Ian and Bev Lee together with Jock Lee.

On the course proper it was confirmed that course #4 would be used and that entailed a good sail into the Lonsdale Bight with an ebb tide and tidy winds around 15 knots.

The course was Grass Beds to Inner Parks Buoy in the Bight, GB, Swan Spit, GB, Drapers, GB, Drapers and finish at Grass Beds.

There were five yachts in today's race with the two Coutas in Fancy and Rosie, together with Sundance, Tiercel and Boomaroo and 22 sailors on course.

At the start it was Rosie as a lonely starter in Div1 who got away really smartly.

In Div2 it was Tiercel that took first across the line followed by Boomaroo and Fancy.



In Div3 it was again a lonely Sundance starting on scratch with the big job ahead.

Rosie led a terrific race with leading the field into the Bight after passing around Bell Rock.

The Div2 yachts took up positions in soldier style tacking out from the Creek mark and heading around to the Parks Mark in the Bight. Sundance followed and sailing around halfway to the Parks Inner mark was passed by Rosie returning to Bell Rock followed a little more closely by Tiercel ahead of Boomaroo and Fancy making a great race.



The crew of Fancy appeared to be relishing the reach back along the Bight and looked a picture.

Returning to Grass Beds the first time it was now

Tiercel leading the field ahead of Boomaroo with both having gathered up Rosie before the Creek mark.

Heading down to Swan Spit Tiercel continued her good form holding off Boomaroo with Sundance having just passed Rosie who was being pursued by Fancy.





Down to Grass Beds from Swan Spit it was Boomaroo who was challenging Tiercel as they headed down only to be passed underneath by Sundance.

Sundance now headed the field followed by Tiercel, Boomaroo, Fancy and Rosie.

This the scene through until Drapers Pile when Sundance rounded at 7 knots plus with the wind now toward 20 knots followed by a quickly passing Boomaroo who now headed Tiercel for the final leg to Grass Beds, still followed by Fancy and Rosie.



At the finish it was Sundance first across the line followed seven minutes later by Boomaroo second and Tiercel third and minute behind. Fancy finished a further 9 minutes behind and Rosie another 8 minutes in arrears.

On handicap it was Fancy in her first race with Scott Taylor and Hugh that grabbed first place, followed by Rosie in second and Tiercel in third place. Others followed in Sundance and finally Boomaroo.



Handicapped times showed first to last positions were around 10 minutes, in a tight well contested race, on a predominantly reaching course, favouring the cousta boats who took the two top spots on the podium.

Well done to Scot, Hugh and crew for a great first win under new management of Fancy.

And on return to the club later, it was a BBQ with some lovely dessert pastries that Lindy bought for us all, along with much prep by our ladies in salads etc to make a great night of farewell and best wishes to Patrick and Lindy, on their way north to Yamba. Best wishes from the committee and club members.



**Next Club Racing start: Is on....
SAT Dec 12th with the Irwin Trophy Race.**

**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"**

