



QLYC.... The Winter Series kicks off!! - Sun June 23, 2013

A crisp and sunny Sunday arvo...lovely sailing!!

The day dawned with a crisp winter coolness....most of us stayed indoors until the sun had warmed the yardarm!!

Briefing was held at QCYC's wharf and after Commodore Jill and Winter Sailing Captain John Barry had talked through the details and sorted a course, it was off to Swan Rescue for a quick lesson and demo on the new power anchor winch which had been fitted by John and compatriot engineer Jean in the past week. Thanks gentlemen!!

On the course only three yachts faced the start of the series with Sundance, Indulgence and Wave Dancer fronting the starter. . . EVENTUALLY . . . Collin Bishop (the gumboot kid!), with Patrick Roberts as crew, finally mobilising after having delayed the start by around 35 minutes!



But when the race finally started it was still Indulgence with Colin at the helm that took almost another 15 minutes to cross the line and then to top it off....radioed into the OOD with "Swan Rescue ... this is Tintagel, over" to which the OOD replied "I think you mean Indulgence"reply... "oh yes you are totally correct, just having a seniors moment!!" Good grief Charlie Brown!!

So after starting at Grass Beds the course was to #3 West Channel before returning via Drapers Pile then off to #3 again before Grass Beds, Swan Spit, Grass Beds, Wedge and finish at Grass Beds. The Course was Number 8 for the day.

At the first #3 it was Sundance around 10 minutes ahead of Wave Dancer and 15 minutes to Indulgence.



By the second lap to #3 the distances had opened up and Indulgence continued to wane....only to retire by sailing away from the fleet with a damaged jib sail courtesy of a spreader ripping the



leech. At this stage the wind had freshened and tide changed from flood to ebb requiring a change of sailing tactics. Our OOD caught them fleeing the course proper and called to enquire as to their wellbeing....as above!!



Wave Dancer on the other hand, with Dave at the helm had two new crew in Tudor and Anna on board with Tudor doing a great job of helming whilst the Skipper attended to more urgent matters....the smile on Tudor's face says it all...we hope he is going to return for more of this!!

On return to Grass Beds for the second time Wave Dancer under Tudor's hand 'kissed' the buoy due to a slight miscalculation for the tide ... but to their credit

they completed not only the required penalty but two complete 360's . . . totally exonerating them for their misdemeanour which could have totally been forgiven given a novice helmsman !! However, huge congratulations for correctness... the Blue Book wins again!!

In between official duties and photography opportunities, the OOD's were fishing and whilst not catching much, as luck would have it, every time a photo opportunity presented as one of the competitors passed close by....a fish chose this same moment to take the bait!!



"Pequita", the lovely Ultimate 18 of Jane Abbott, whilst not an entrant in the race came out for a sail and in a discussion with the OOD comes a little too close to the Rescue boat and takes the fishing line from the hands of our fisherpersons...taking the lure, sinker and line Oh no.... Talk about a unique "reporting in"

The almost 14 Nm course took around two and half hours for Sundance and Wave Dancer took another

almost hour to finish following this...but the course was magnificent in a brisk easterly which started light and ended rather light.

Back at QCYC clubhouse the day's participants enjoyed reliving all the antics of the day, perhaps somewhat embellished in discussing what could have been and what had actually transpired!!

At the end of the day, congratulations went to Sundance and with crew points counting here to current leaders and second placegetters in Wave Dancer.

We had a great first race for the Winter Series and whilst there were only three starters and two finishes there was nonetheless great club spirit and camaraderie, complimented by a lovely sun filled day which captivated all participants.

Please join us on the next race day and enjoy the competition and serenity!!

Sunday July 7 at 10.00 at QCYC wharf

Next Club Race –

Race Start 11.00 AM.
Briefing and sign-on at 10.00 AM,
at QCYC.
Queries to Winter Sailing Captain
John Barry 0408 955 299

