



QLYC.... The Winter Series continues! - Sun July 7, 2013

A lovely sailing in the “sun” day – you don’t know what you’re missing by not being out there!!

Following a bitter winter week with low temperatures and very high tides, Sunday looked bright and relatively still with beckoning mild conditions for another great race on Port Phillip Bay!!

Again the briefing was held at QCYC’s BBQ area, with Commodore Jill and Winter Sailing Captain John Barry talking the series up and considering the details of a course. The treasurer Colin B circled the group soliciting fees for the day and bemoaning his lack of crew, given Geoff Mathews propensity to a warm bed on Sunday morning! We welcomed back Camille White as crew on Sundance and new member Tudor Cosna and Ross Haughton as new entrants in the winter crew competition.

As previously, only three yachts faced the starter with OOD’s Jill Golland (also proxy club photographer) and Jennifer Gilbert in command.

Again Sundance, Indulgence and Wave Dancer took to the start line with (the gumboot kid!), Colin, on Indulgence not being able to complete their contention for the race ☹

To allow sufficient distance between competitors in the race, the back marker Sundance started 15 minutes behind the fleet being the hare of the fleet!!

The course was number three (3) from the series in a mainly north westerly breeze, being from Grass Beds to Drapers, Wedge, QA, Wedge, QA, Grass Beds, Drapers, Wedge, QA and finish at Grass Beds.



Others on the course were enjoying the sun and just “mucking about in boats!”

At the start it was Wave Dancer heading into a flood tide on the norwestly breeze toward Drapers. Sundance started as

Wave Dancer took to shallow waters beyond the pier.

By Wedge, Wave Dancer maintained the rage and Sundance followed thru to QA chasing the “Dart” back to Wedge and overtaking before the mark.



Returning to QA, both vessels maintained a short distance apart until the breeze changed slightly and Sundance eased away to lead comfortably.



From Grass Beds to Drapers the breeze lightened somewhat, until rounding Drapers an increased gusty influence took hold from the west, then back to Norwest bringing a beautiful sail toward Wedge and finally via QA to Finish.

At the finish it was Sundance ahead of Wave Dancer by 9 minutes which wasn't enough for a total of 24 minutes and on handicap Wave Dancer took the honours by 8 minutes!



Congratulations to Dave Hatton and crew Ross Houghton as crew on a big win.

We had an even more enjoyable second race for the Winter Series and whilst there were "again" only three starters and two finishes there was nonetheless great club spirit and camaraderie, complimented by a lovely

sunny day.

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

Sunday July 28 at 10.00 at QCYC wharf

Next Club Race –

Race Start 11.00 AM.
Briefing and sign-on at 10.00 AM,
at QCYC.

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