



QLYC.... The Winter Series concludes! - Sun Sept 8, 2013

At last a reasonable sailing day to complete the Winter Series (albeit reduced)!!

After many weeks and weekends with blustery and wet conditions the Sunday of the final race appeared calm and fine with a light breeze and sunshine.

A few familiar faces were missing from the briefing held on Sand Island at QCYC.

Four yachts faced the starter in Sundance, Wave Dancer, Tiercel and Indulgence.

Yachts and Crews attending for the starter were:

Sundance –John Barry, Tudor Cosma and Jodie Kemp.

Wave Dancer – Dave Hatton, Adele Pellegrini and David McNulty.

Tiercel - Colin Gibbs and Mark Lieberman, and lastly

Indulgence - Colin Bishop, Geoff Mathews and Ross Houghton.



Commodore Jill (and Brian) were missing . . . off somewhere in Central Highlands country on the Great Divide. Swan Rescue remained secure in her pen while the OOD Jennifer took a crew position on Sundance for the day, starting the race from the backmarker in Div 3.



The start was by consensus made at QA due to no wind inside and some breeze nearer the channel.

As Colin Bishop commented *“The wind retired at about start time, so the flood took control”*.

However the dolphins were out to enjoy a quiet day without too much disturbance!!

Thanks to Tudor and Jennifer for the photos.

Colin Gibbs in Tiercel drifted past Swan Spit, but judicious use of his engine got him back to where he should have been.

David Hatton in Wave Dancer took the inshore route, whilst John Barry went straight for it to Drapers but very slowly!

Indulgence with her motor on strike (outboard!) drifted backwards and forwards through a large fleet of amateur fisherman at QA.

After trying every point of the compass, the breeze came back at NNE about 10 knots for nigh on an hour, then died away again.



Steve and Sandy Lee in Valentine sailed out to make a brief non-competitive appearance during the race but declined any inclination to join a slow fleet!

At the end it was a retirement by Indulgence and lack of propulsion that saw Tiercel kindly towing Indulgence back up the Creek to her mooring.

Wave Dancer did well over all and of course Sundance with a longer water length and longer legs provided the hare and tortoise scenario once again leading the field across the course.



Both Tiercel and Indulgence took a DNF in the end and both retired to pens and mooring.

Thanks to timing by OOD Jennifer on Sundance, the final results were Sundance first across the line ahead of Wave Dancer by just under an hour but on corrected handicap time Sundance took the honours by 12 minutes.

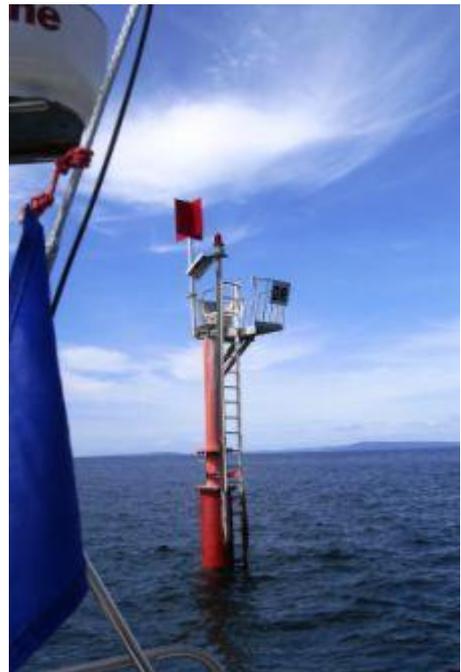
Please look up all results on the website and look

forward to the results of the series.

Remember that this is a crew based series and crew will be awarded their medals at the presentation dinner at the Esplanade Hotel on Saturday evening 21st September at 7pm for all interested parties.



Those in contention are Jodie Kemp, Brian Golland, Tudor Cosma, Geoff Mathews and Jean Monger.



See you at the Espie and we will see who tops the winners list!!

Many thanks to all who braved the winter chills to participate and enjoy some sailing in limited sunshine!!!



Next Club Racing starts:
on....
SATURDAY OCTOBER 12 - Shakedown Cruise!!