

Attached are the results of yesterday's Classic 2013/2014 summer Series Race 5 plus the status of the Series aggregate and the **Marie Louise III** Consistency Trophy.



With the need for some yachts to be towed across the shipping channel a delayed start or no start was the expectation, but come 10:20, a southerly to south west breeze started up that allowed an on time for the 14 starters. Great sight from the race committee vessel, watching the fleet going for the line. After a boat length recall **Ettrick** took advantage of the breeze swinging to the south west and regained the lost time. As the fleet disappeared into the Port Phillip haze, the race committee decided to shorten the course to allow more boats to finish within the allowed time.

Martin Ryan with **Mercedes III**, in slippery form, took control of the race and came out corrected time winners over **Avian** being helmed by Charlie Salter and crewed by Jennifer Cook, with **Cyan** taking out third with skipper Craig Brown in the role of super numerey #1 and Mark Chew of **Fair Winds II** on the helm. After a tight sail in the making south west breeze Kath Solly had **Ettrick** in this corrected time grouping and led the Tumlarer fleet across the finish line. Tight corrected time results between various finishing groups once again showed that no matter what the sea conditions are tight sailing is the word. Already rumours are being heard about changes to the helm being made permanent.



Another welcome addition to our fleet was seen this



race, the Doug Beazley restored netboat **Swan** with a team lead by John Payne was on the start line. More will be seen of her. Good to see the presence of Jim Hutchinson's **Dingo** who battled her way up from St. Kilda in the light conditions to make the start line and have an over the line race with Anne and Karen Batson on **Zephyr** and George Low on **Snow Goose**. Conditions and sad circumstances were against the George Fisscher and Michael Rhodes team on **Boambille** but they still managed to sail to their handicap and become the back calculated handicap

marker for the race. **Serifa** under the helm of Michael McTavish was another Classic yacht that sailed to her handicap. Knowledge from the great brain of Greg Hyne was obviously in full gear. The corrected time battle played into the hands of **Sayonara** with a 13 seconds takeout of Loama. To help relieve this pain **Loama** worked hard in the over the line finish to take out **Swan** by 20 seconds.



Overall, good day on the water for the start the Classics 2014 racing. Also a great place to escape from the onshore heat. **Lily Guy's** crew made the best of the situation and took to the waters. With reduced sail, **Blackadder**, took an exit from the race after coaxing her through the trying light wind conditions. In approaching the shortened course finishing mark at R4 some careful racing was need when threading through the RYCV Tripe and Onions fleet that were using channel mark 80 as a rounding mark.



Sad was the sight of **Acrospire III**, all set to go but unable to race and on her day. To make up for the disappointment and pain, a sail in company with Sayonara was the prescription..

Some yard disappointment for **Bungoona** and **Martini**. The hot weather spell has played havoc with their coating programs, so in the RYCV yard they remain, standing on concrete pavement, baking away. Sadly, progress has finished those days of soil based boatyards that wooden boats need in these hot weather times. Some good boatyard news, Kent Bacon reports progress is happening with **Renene's** make over and she'll be Geelong Wooden Boat Festival ready.

As previously reported our Tumlare` fleet has an excellent sojourn at Mornington where Helen Lovett of **Oenone** made arrangements for a most excellent Mornington Yacht Club welcome and support. As all things there's no free lunch. That great man Roger Dundas of **Avian** reported a cause unknown war wound, that occurred while departing Mornington, has him lying low for a short while.

While the handicapper's sympathy bucket has run dry for some it still overflows for others. The handicaps are all set for Race 6, two weeks away. Race 6 again to be conducted for us by the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club.

As usual, a reminder about the Geelong Wooden Boat Festival and Queenscliff Maritime Weekend. June Negri, of the Queenscliffe Museum tells me registration forms will be available soon.

Till next race.

Regards to all

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