

March 2 2015

2014/2015 Classic Summer Series
Final Race results
Tied result for Series Aggregate

Results of the Final race, March 1

Attached are the results of Race 7 plus the overall aggregate results for the Series and the continuing Marie Louise III Consistency Trophy. For those who want a more detailed analysis of the results, the corrected time performance results used for the Marie Louise III trophy calculations have been attached.

Snow Goose was on the wing.

After racing for 7.0 miles in fair seas and 15 knots of breeze and with the majority of the fast catching fleet only 4 minutes away, congratulations go to George Low with **Snow Goose** and Cameron Dorrrough with **Bungoona** for holding on their respective leads to beat the fleet over the line to take out 1st and 2nd in the final race of the Classic 2014/2015 Summer Series. **Snow Goose** also did well on elapsed time to be mid Tum Fleet on elapsed time.



Snow Goose and Bungoona at the finish line

Photo Scot McDonald

A fast finishing line of Classics.

On water reports from the Race director to the race committee warning them to be ready as a gaggle of Classic's were all going hard for the finish line were true. Various on shore reports from the scene also noted the scene as the Classic fleet were bunching up for a close pursuit race finish.

With continual fleet position changes taking place till the finish line was crossed and only 4 minutes separating a fleet of 13 Classics the scene was set for Classic Yachting drama. Added to this finishing

drama was the lookout needed for the fleet of International Cadets preparing to race and the Bluebird fleet rounding a nearby mark in the opposite direction. **Marie Louise III** took out 3rd after passing **Tandanya** at the last rounding mark and holding off the fast finishing and still fighting hard



Marie Louise III approaching the finish line

Photo Scott McDonald

battle between **Frances** and **Mercedes III**.

After taking care of **Sayonara**, **Boambillee** on the final leg overtook **Loama** then **Bluejacket** then **Martini** with 4 seconds to spare to put as many boats as possible between herself and **Etrick** for a chance in the series aggregate.



Boambillee catching Martini at the line

Photo Scott McDonald

Avian led **Zephyr** and **Serifa** by 25 and 40 seconds respectively across the finish line and were closely followed by **Dingo** 20 seconds later. **Ettrick** came in 50 seconds later to add drama to then unknown Series Aggregate result. Then 34 seconds later came **Sirocco**. **Claire** came in with a crucial finishing time 2



Loama full on

Photo Cameron Dorrough

minutes later to claim a 2nd on corrected time placing while **Cyan** bought the fleet home.



Ettrick with Gordon Tait on the helm

Frances takes out the elapsed time performance.



Frances approaching the line

Photo Scott McDonald

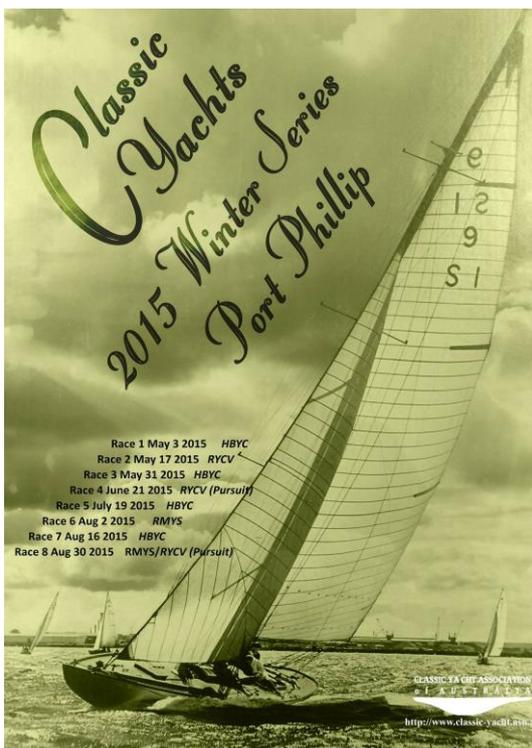
Watching both **Frances** and **Mercedes III** carve up the fleet in their quest to lead the fleet across the line. While they didn't complete this task, both put in a closely watched performance. Using kites on short legs to gain advantage over each other, both provided the fleet with scenes of drama. After 7 miles of racing, congratulations to both **Frances** for her best of the fleet elapsed time performance and to the sustained hard racing on **Mercedes III** under the helm of Peter Bowie.

Many starters had "if only" dramas. From late starting to overstanding marks to shy kites that wouldn't fill except with water for one or to not setting kites at all, it was all there. The weather played its usual hand in the result. From a front that threatened 40 knot gusts but ended up being only a rain shower that blocked out the Williamstown foreshore and a wind shift after the second mark 77 rounding that lifted the main fleet but not the leaders nobody had it easy.

**The Series Aggregate result.
Ettrick and Boambillee tie for the Locker 57 Trophy**

To add to the drama of waiting for the story as to how **Boambillee** and **Ettrick** fared in the race to decide the series the Top Yacht system at RYCV went off line. An image of the result sheet was emailed to the RYCV front desk who printed the image. After putting names to sail numbers the results for the race were sorted. Then came the aggregate points analysis. Working through this in order of the race finishers, Boambillee was aggregated first, 49 points. After 7 other classics were aggregated then came Ettrick's turn to be counted. With a difference of 8 placing's between Boambillee and Ettrick, the aggregate for Ettrick came in at 49. After rechecking and deciding a countback was not on the results were finally announced.

Congratulations to Gordon Tait and his first season on the helm of **Ettrick** and to George Fisscher and Michael Rhodes for their non stop efforts to keep **Boambillee** racing with the Classics. This Result will make **Ettrick** the most awarded yacht of the Classic Fleet. First with Richard Downy in the 2001/2002 Summer Series then with Doug Jenkin in the 2002/2013 Series.



2015 Winter Series

An 8 week between Series break to allow Classic skippers and crews a break to prepare for the 2015 Winter Series.

The 2015 Winter Series Notice of race and entry form for the series are attached.

Queenscliff Maritime Festival Regatta

We have the Queenscliff Maritime Festival Regatta where several of our fleet make to voyage to take part. Friday March 27 and Saturday March 28 are the dates for this event.



Sandringham Yacht club Centenary Regatta

The classic are invited to enter this SYC Event April 18. This event can be used as a pre series warm up race.

Listing of Boambillee in the Classic Sailboat Register.

There's a US based Web site that lists what is considered the notable Classic Yachts still in existence. They list Acrospire III and Sayonara. Recently added to this list in the Sparkman and Stevens category is Boambillee. This listing is an example of the quality of the Yachts racing in our Classic Yacht fleet.

Congratulations to George Fisscher and Michael Rhodes for Boambillee being listed on the register of this organisation.

Take a look. <http://classicsailboats.org/?cat=67>

No more for now.

Thanks for the support through the season and on the 2015 Winter Series

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