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2015 Winter Series Race 1 May 3

“WE’RE RACING”

Time waits for no one and with the heart stopping words, “**We’re Racing**” at May 3 10:30 am. The Classic Fleet of Port Phillip begin their first race of the 2015 Winter Series.

After the last drinks call from the previous week the entry flood began. Thanks go to David McKenzie and Anne Batson for their help by handling this entry deluge with no drama’s. This help allowed the handicapper to go harder with his number crunching.

Race 1 Entries, Handicaps and Sailing Instructions

To help the Classic Fleet attached are the Race 1 Sailing Instructions plus the Race 1 entry list with the allocated handicaps. Within an entry count of 24 there are many stories that tell of the effort to make the first race start line. Although not on the entry list Andy Indrans of Corio Vertue still going hard to be on the line but Doug Jenkin has sent a sad note informing us **Blue Jacket** has run out of preparation time.

Race 1 Duration

Race 1 will be conducted for an elapsed time of 3 hours from the start so long as a Classic finishes within 2 hours from the start.

Handicaps

After analysis of the multiple performance data sources collected over the last Summer Series, several entries have been allocated new handicaps to start the season. It’s not a matter of helping the halt and the lame over the line but with consistent racing comes performance improvement, we must keep the competition even across the Classic Fleet. No doubt by now it’s well known that a Classic Yacht pays dearly in the results for any mistake while racing in the Port Phillip Classic Fleet.

Line honours face off

Looking over the allocated handicaps, tight boat against boat racing can be expected. This tight racing will range from those Classic’s going for line honours and throughout the fleet. Race 1 will be a first for a Classic faceoff between local designers of international repute from different yachting era’s. **Kingurra** designed by Dr. Peter Joubert and the International 8 Metre **Frances** designed by Ernie Digby will be a line honours must watch. A big RBYC day here. Both classics will be skippered and crewed by teams from Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

Where **Mercedes III**, **Boambillee** and **Pastime II** fit into the line honours battle will be another angle to watch. One scene that won't be seen during this battle will be the flying of Big Red on Frances. The skipper of **Frances**, Peter Johns, has sadly informed the handicapper that on the advice of Dr Anderson she's been put down, a sad event for all the Classic Fleet.

Corrected time chances

For **Sayonara**, her competition yard stick **Fair Winds II** cannot be with us. Her skipper, Mark Chew, is tending to the needs of her mast. The line honours result between **Trim**, **Marie Louise III** and **Cyan** will be watched as they work to keep ahead of the ever improving Tumblaren fleet. Given the right wind Bob Munro's **Tandanya** has been known to give this group a fright. While line honours may not be the go corrected time honours are definitely a chance from Cameron Dorrough's . The same goes for Kent Bacons , Joe Tuck and the boys on **Loama**, Richard Macrae in and Clive Moulday on . All these teams are known for pushing their Classic's hard no matter what the conditions and previous racing results for these Classics show corrected time results are never known till these Classics cross the finish line.

Welcome returns to Classic Yacht Racing

Aside from the welcome return of **Kingurra** with Ian MacFarlane and Guido Basso we will also see the return of the net boat **Swan** who has now recovered from damage sustained when hit by the wild front during the Race 1 of the 2014 Cup Regatta. Eventually we'll also see Rod Fullers H28 **Shamrock** racing with us, not for Race 1 unfortunately. **Shamrock** will be racing with the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club long distance fleet to St Leonards on Saturday. After race commitments prevent her timely return for a Sunday Race 1 start.

2014/2015 Summer Series Trophy

While on the subject of the previous Summer Series here's a reminder of the overall results for the series.



CYAA activity around Port Phillip

The Queenscliff Maritime Weekend the social events provided the chance to meet up with some our south of the Bay members. Once again we met up with Milton Green from Mornington. Milton is well known for many intrepid exploits, one was the shipping of a Couta Boat to race at Cowes. Richard Hart was another well known CYAA member in Couta Boat circles. His latest Couta Boat, **Jocelyn**, built for him and brother Mal Hart by Tim Phillips is one of the Couta Boat fleet leaders. In between piloting the likes of the Queen Mary II up and down the bay, Richard is always working on ways to bring Jocelyn up to occasionally race with the Classic Fleet.

The opportunity provided by the Queenscliff Festival to meet up with our South of the bay members shows this event to be a valuable and needs more support from the Classics. Maybe some plan could be worked out to combine the Classics with the 2016 Geelong Wooden Boat Festival and the Queenscliff Festival.

Before we go

Also attached is a promotion of the offer to join in with the Kingurra syndicate. Their member Glen Kile is relocating state side so the opportunity is now available to a new syndicate member. While all the 150 people receiving this mail are well and truly spoken for Classic Yacht wise there will be people out there who would be a fit for taking up the Syndicate offer. If so direct them to contact Ian MacFarlane.

No more, it's 3 more sleeps and we're racing once again.

As a primer to let you know what we're in for this Sunday re-visit the Vimeo that Mark Chew created from the 2014 Summer Series Race 1 <https://vimeo.com/108031006>

Regards to all

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