

CYAA 2015 Winter Series Race 4 (Pursuit) Results

June 22

Results and analysis

Attached are the results of the Classic's pursuit race, Race 4 of the 2015 Winter Series along with the Series and Tumblaren Fleet aggregate plus the **Marie Louise III** Consistency Trophy status.

For those who want to dissect the race results, attached is a spread sheet that shows the on course elapsed time and corrected time performance. The handicaps used for the Race 4 corrected times calculations were those used to calculate the Race 4 Group start times. The corrected times are required for the ML III trophy aggregate calculations. They also help with allocating handicaps for the next race.

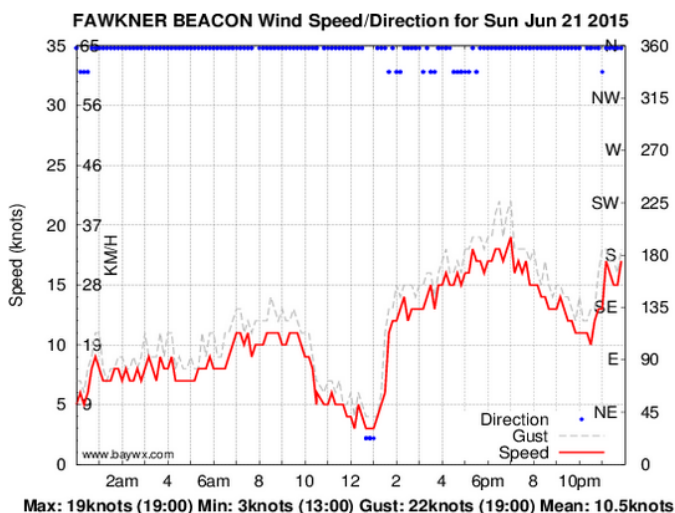
The race Part 1

The race was in two parts a brief run to the first mark where **Corio Vertue** showed the fleet her return to racing with a handy light breeze run to the first mark. A patient no breeze wait at the first mark followed that allowed the fleet to overtake her. **Cyan** was required to avoid the tanker in the shipping channel and then went on to find all the wind holes Port Phillip had to offer before a very slow chase to catch the well spread out fleet.

On the then drift to the northerly windward mark. **Ettrick** was the first to feel the wind change to the south and quickly popped her kite followed by **Sirrocco**, **Trim** changed to her light asymmetrical. More kites were popped including **Marie Louise III**. The fleet drift continued. **Kingurra** and the back markers caught up with the fleet and popped kites. The 1 knot drift continued.

The race Part 2

Then whamo, a race restart. The fleet out by Station Pier were laughing as the wind quickly built to a 15 knot North Easterly, then through North to finally steady at 15 knots from North West.



Loama made the Windward mark first but was quickly overtaken by **Avian** and **Kingurra** where their foresight put them on the favoured side of the course. A pod of Tumlarens rounded the mark together and some tight windward mark approaching tactics were seen between **Marie Louise III** and **Mercedes III** when **Dingo** was approaching the mark on starboard.

Sail of the Day Avian

The sail of the day was watching **Avian** hold off **Kingurra** for two legs after the wind came in. All that smashed up hull rebuild work after a storm based beaching by Bill Gash and others saved her for this big moment. Another sight was close by with Charlie Salter on **Sirocco** pushing **Ettrick's** light weight loan mast on a shy kite reach. This race was the first race for this mast since being broken and repaired many years ago and still preferred by **Ettricks** then owner Richard Downey. Charlie put in the extra effort and more to be with us in Sunday after his last race misfortune.

Race Director Shortens the Course

To stay within the race time limits, the RYCV Race director David LeRoy shortened the course at Mark 80 by Princes Pier. After the fleet leaders cleared the finish line, some close action finishing was seen with **Marie Louise III** picked up a Pod of Tumlarens and then with some fast last moment tacking led the Pod over the line. The hold out of the day according to **Ettrick**.

Over the line results no surprise.

After the race restart which nullified the slower boats pursuit start advantage, the over the line based results were no surprise with faster boats of the classic fleet taking out the top placings. In fact these placings were the reverse order of their allocated pursuit start. Looking over the corrected time results show **Sayonara** raced well along with **Mercedes III** and **Marie Louise III**. **Snow Goose** was another solid performer. She was used as the marker boat for the back calculated handicap calculations

Kingurra takes all.

Congratulations to **Kingurra** for taking out first home in Race 4. Ian Macfarlane was on hand to receive the slab of Neverfail bottled water courtesy of Andy Doolan and **Tina of Melbourne**. **Kingurra** was the top Classic of the day as she also had the lowest elapsed on course time and best corrected time. No doubt **Kingurra** performance on Sunday was assisted by the quality of her crew and in particular David Rout. Yesterday was David's 30th year crewing on Kingurra through her 700 races and her many Sydney to Hobarts. So the secret to **Kingurra** being a top performing ocean and bay racer is out. The handicapper has ordered up a new pencil sharpener. David is the dad of Peter Rout of the Australian Maritime Museum who the Association works with on several matters.



3rd from left.

That's David. Doing his trick on the helm of **Kingurra** with 30 years and 700 races including many Sydney Hobarts behind him.

Two sad notes

One sad note of the day was no **Frances** with us. Advice was received from Karen Johns that **Frances** will be with us next race after some under water hull work has been completed. But not to miss out on the Classic Fleet racing Peter and his team did a review of the fleet from **Farr Fetched** as they proceeded to RYCV yard to work on **Frances**.

The other was to see **Pastime II** having to withdraw.

A must read note, interference to shipping

A pointed after race comment was received from the master of the **Bunker Barge Zemira** via the RYCV Race Director. *"When a ship of whatever size gives a timely warning blast as it's proceeding towards you along a shipping channel please take effective and timely action to get out of the shipping channel or don't cross the line of safety and sail into shipping channel"*. Although the **Zemira** master was able to slow down and no 5 warning blasts were sounded to the Classics in the Port Melbourne channel, the incident was deemed as a reportable interference to shipping. The master of the **Zemira** declined to proceed further but the Race Directors ears were ringing as he brought the Committee Vessel Thorsen down to Mark 72 in great haste.

All recreational yachting in Hobsons Bay is badly affected when a ships master or pilot lodges an official shipping channel regulation violation complaint.

The **Zemira** master passed 7 Sail numbers to the RYCV Race Director who then delivered them to the Classic's handicapper with warning blast saying *"things cannot go on like this"*. The Race Directors comments were also passed to the Classic members on the RYCV after deck when the race results were announced.

We all know the shipping channel rules so best comply with them. Being DSQ'd is the easy bit.

Next race July 19

Race 5 will be conducted for the Association by Hobsons Bay Yacht Club on July 19. Long break due to Term 2 school holidays.

Regards to all

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