Results.

Attached are the results of Race 6 plus the status overall and Tumlaren series aggregate points and the Marie Louise III consistency trophy.

First on corrected time congratulations go to Chris Havre and his crew on Akuna.

Line honours went to Frances
The Course. 10.6 NM’s

With the northerly wind conditions expected to remain in the 15 knot range and quiet sea conditions prevailing, the opportunity to provide a longer course that normal and allow all the fleet to be home before race completion deadline. RMYS Course 12 was selected.

All wind direction points for racing were on offer for the Classic to give their yachts a chance to show they can race hard.

The Start

All clear was the RMYS Race officers call as fleet crossed the line with some 10 seconds to spare. Avian, the red Tum in the distance was on the button at the pin end and led the fleet out. Frances with Warringa following were next across the start line with Sayonara at the pin end closely following. Serifa put in a good start. Akuna was also in with the fleet leaders.
The first turning mark, RMYS Mark D

Looked like the fleet were on a single tack to Mark D. Fleet leaders around OK then a wind shift followed by action and carnage when Tandanya was knocked on to port tack while shooting the mark.

The run to Pipeline Mark P3

Not as quite as it appears.
Multiple attempts across the fleet to fly shy kites were seen. **Ettrick** was on the money with her kite setting while **Sirocco** showed extreme kite flying action can pay off **Frances** took off to steam ahead of the fleet after sorting her kite out. **Mercedes III** soon followed with her headsail also working till a spinnaker sheet said no more.

**Bluejacket** was seen waving a black/yellow and red handkerchief while **Warringa** had Rolly Tasker working hard after two attempts to wake him up. **Trim** was also off down the track with her kite pulling hard.

**Frances** led the fleet around the P3 mark followed by **Mercedes III** then a powered up **Sayonara** where her 18 crew were put to work on the high side.

### The reach across to R2

This was where waterline length came into action. **Cyan** screamed through the fleet. **Serifa** held her place. **Dingo** and **Bungoona** made up ground big time while **Martini**, well recovered from the Mark D action went into overdrive. The RMYS Rescue Vessel was also hard at work warning the fleet of the tow line between the Tag and spoil barge returning from the spoil grounds and the steamer churning up the shipping channel. A reminder, any direction to a yacht from the RMYS Rescue Vessel given by hand wave off under close quarters to change course, verbal or radio based, must be obeyed without question or delay under pain of DSQ.

### The beat to the finish

Then the windward slog began. **Frances** threw early while some of the early followers went into the RBYC Mark 5 area to make the long tack to the finish. Then it, ie the wind shift happened. **Warringa** could only look at those back markers up at R2 taking a short cut to the finish. While **Avian** another early leader after the run to R2 went backwards under genoa. **Snow Goose** with **Akuna** and **Loama** were laughing.

After 10.6 miles the RMYS Tower saw some tight finishes in Classic Yacht racing style.

![Mercedes III at 12:12:50](image1)

![Sayonara hammering to the finish at 12:21:14](image2)

After long tacks both **Mercedes III** and **Sayonara** hit the finish line lee gunnel down.

![Trim finishes after a clean run at 12:32:41](image3)

![Ettrick at 12:34:40 held off the charging Cyan at 12:34:59](image4)
Ettrick managed to pip a fast racing Cyan by 29 seconds.

The Tumlarens Sirocco and Dingo fought for the line. With her bow creaming with foam, Sirocco on the Port tack took out Dingo by 5 seconds.

Bungoona came home with a great show 3 minutes 22 seconds ahead the next closest Classic, Snow Goose.

There was a 10 second split between the next 4, Snow Goose, Serifa, Bluejacket and Martini.

Tandanya another beneficiary of the wind shift was 19 seconds ahead of a desperately sailed to make up lost ground Warringa and a heavily over canvassed Avian.
The around the course battle between Loama and Akuna saw Loama over the line 1 minute ahead of Akuna.

Great cheers went up in the RMYS Tower when Race Director calculated the lowest handicapped boat Akuna was on top of the corrected time results followed by Frances the highest handicapped boat.

Sayonara after much lee gunnel down and everyone up work took out third. Mercedes III took out fourth placing.

Both Bungoona and Loama also put in a hard windward slog to be fifth and sixth respectively.

All along fleet, close corrected time placing were the feature after the 10.6 mile slog. Across the fleet all Classic yachts hit the finish line with long tacks, well done and tight sailing was the feature here.

On the subject of tight sailing as skippers we know our Classic fleet has a wide diversity of speed capability. So two points need repeating. First that must be remembered to give consideration of the fleet behind you when going in hard and hot at a mark in case an untoward wind shift knocks you about. Second The RMYS Safety Boat is not there for it’s good looks. It’s purpose is to ensure our fleet have Cat 7 back up and also to advise the fleet of any potential problems that are perceived to be imminent. During race 6 the RMYS Rescue Vessel William Patterson advised Classic skippers of potential problems with the tow line between the Tug hauling the spoil ground barge and the Steamer churning up the shipping channel. It’s up to all skippers to immediately respond to any direction by verbal, radio or close quarter alongside action across your bow. Failure to do so can result in a DSQ. An example of pushing the envelope during yesterday’s racing across the channel in front of a steamer. With the Tug, the operator was a great chap. He slowed down to allow the fleet to cross.
All up another great day of Classic Yacht racing on Port Phillip.

Next race Feb 14 Race 7 at Hobsons Bay Yacht Club

Don’t forget the Geelong Wooden Boat Festival entries

Regards to all

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