



Classic Yacht Association

O F A U S T R A L I A

Feb 15 2016

CYAA 2015/2016 Summer Series Race 7 February 14

Port Phillip

Conducted by the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club



Frances takes out Race 7 line and corrected time honours

Ettrick leads the Tumlarens home with a second on corrected time

Ettrick showing off her capabilities



Frances in conditions similar to Race 7

Welcome to the H28 Huia on her first race with the Classic fleet



Huia after her refit

**Welcome to Tim Blackman
Admiral of the British Classic Yacht Club**



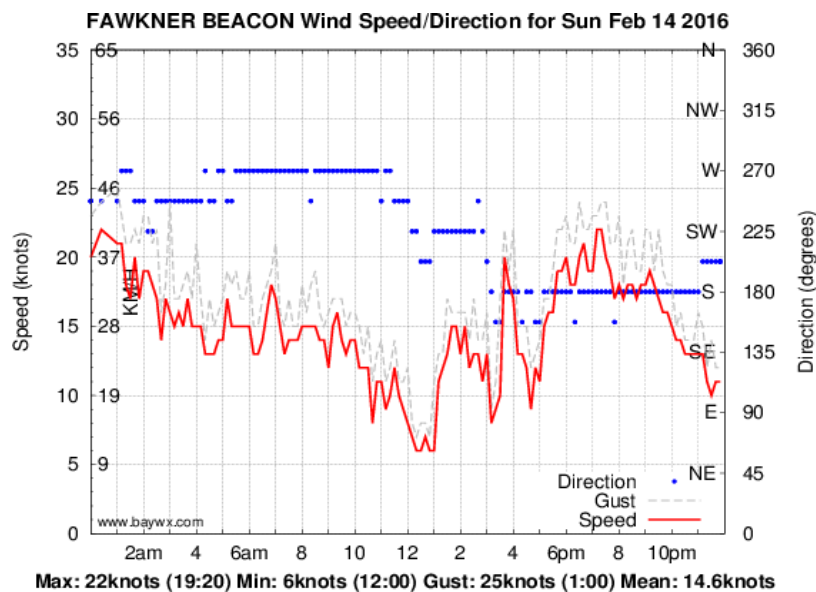
Race 7 Results

Attached are the Results along with the Series Aggregate and **Marie Louise III** consistency trophy status.

Note the results for Race have been amended to what was announced post race at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria. An elapsed time error for Frances was picked up during the results analysis. Correcting the error saw an interchange in the first and second corrected time placing. All parties agreed to this result change. Unfortunately a number of retirements, due to not leaving a mark to starboard, were also a feature of race 7.

Every cloud has a silver lining.

As we know, every cloud has a silver lining, for the CYAA, it was the good grace by all skippers involved with both the placing change and the retirements that indicates the underlying strength of our Classic Yacht racing on Port Phillip.



Race 7 start

Course one was the HBYC Race committee call.

With a light breeze from the south west and flat water, the Classic fleet of 17 starters were going for an “on the money start”, as described by the HBYC race committee. Some backed themselves well with the River Yarra outflow while some starters were too hot and had to pull last minute 360 turns. **Warringa**, in spite of recently being found to be 10 years older, reported a good start. **Frances**, the International 8 metre soon cleared out from the fleet with **Boambillee** chasing. **Avian** and **Serifa** managed to keep clear of an obstacle that was under recall notice. **Cyan** and **Marie Louise III** restarted their on water duelling. In the middle was **Sayonara** with no topsail had her 16 crew assisting Dave Allen to her usual on time start. **Martini** put on another display of how tight shy kite opportunities are to be treated. Crack the kite was the word.

Trim set her mizzen after the start for her one tack beat while **Sirocco** was caught out on the low side of wind shift that kept her from challenging the other Tumlarens

Down to RMYS Mark F

After a sprung sheet run to the leave the Channel mark 71 to starboard and battling through wind holes, most of the fleet were in position to take advantage of the westerly wind shift for a one tack beat to RMYS Mark F.

The lightening breeze didn't help **Bungoona's** charge to rejoin the fleet after her start line trouble while **Huia** was kept moving to stay in sight of the fleet

Rounding RMYS F Mark saw extra work on **Frances** to set a kite to keep her moving away from the fleet. **Boambillee** with **Mercedes III** following were next to round with promptly set kites.

The Tumlaren **Etrick** was next to round with Mark Chew working hard to up the tactics of her skipper Gordon Tait. The Tumlarens of **Dingo**, **Sirocco** and **Avian** were all in close company and set up for a fast kite launch after rounding Mark F

One feature of the Run from Mark F the next mark was to see all Classic's flying kites. This leg saw **Marie Louise III** and **Cyan** make up ground on the drifting Classic fleet.

Unfortunately both hit the wind hole while the Classic fleet in front found wind and sailed away. In spite of no top sail **Sayonara** held her fleet position amongst the Tumlarens and **Serifa** was going well in this bunch of Classic's.

Adjacent to RMYS Mark A.

As the fleet began their race along Beaconsfield Parade **Frances** kept extending her lead over the fleet. **Boambillee** and **Mercedes III** finally broke through light wind and rounded 10 minutes later with the fleet following, **Etrick** was worked hard to keep with this group.

Warringa tried to fly her kite but a bit too shy so back to her number one. Light breezes on this run later swung to the south and allowed **Marie Louise III** and **Martini** to keep flying kites after their rounding to regain good ground on the fleet.

Rounding R4

In the light winds the sound signal of Frances taking out line honours was heard clearly by the fleet. Same went for tactics being discussed by Mal Botterill and Roger Dundas on **Avian** some two hundred metres away from **Marie Louise III**.

Watching the fleet approach the finish was a sight. **Mercedes III** took a punt on different wind to overtake **Boambillee** but no luck there. **Etrick** held off **Trim** and **Warringa** while 3 seconds separated **Dingo** and **Avian** over the line. **Sayonara** with no top sail but under the urging of her sixteen crew came through next while **Marie Louise III** overhauled **Serifa** on the last beat to come next. **Sirocco** was next followed by **Martini**, **Cyan** and **Snow Goose** and **Bungoona**. Bringing the fleet home was the **H28 Huia**.

After race action

As previously mentioned we had some skippers notify the handicapper of a failure to sail the proper course and their post race retirement. These retirements were sadly accepted and factored into the results. Same goes for the problem of the misreading of elapsed time results that caused an incorrect first and second corrected time placing. Skippers affected by these problems were contacted, all accepted in a manner that displays strength of character both on and off water of our members.

Next race Feb 28 Pursuit. Start at RMYS Finish at RYCV Marina.

Looking over the aggregate point status indicates our final race will be the series results decider. The handicapper will be chewing the top of the sharpened pencil to decide starting time for this race.

The race begins at 10:30 am off the RMYS Race control tower. It will be once round some RMYS marks, through the RMYS finish line then off to the RYCV marina finish line.

An after Race BBQ will follow.

Special note for Feb 28

One special note is about the big bay swim event from Port Melbourne to Williamstown. The event should be completed by the time the fleet arrives at RYCV. Departing skippers from RYCV need to be aware of this event.

Special mention for Huia

This race was part of the satisfaction for her owner Anthony Willmott. February 2012 saw the start of a major upgrade to **Huia** construction and internal fitout. In September 2014 Anthony joined the Association with the intent to enjoy the her racing capabilities. First had to be the completion herrebuild. That done, her cruising capabilities have been well tested and enjoyed by Anthony. Now it was time to start bringing her up to racing trim. During race 7 watching **Huia** sail so well when the breeze was in her favour indicated the handicapper best be careful here. She's going to be a surprisingly fast racing H28 Classic.

Regards to all

Peter Costolloe CYAA (Vic) Handicapper