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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

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

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 Ettrick 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, Ettrick was worked hard to keep with this group. Warringa tried to fly her kite but a bit to shy so back th 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. Ettrick 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 came 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 retirement 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 of 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 her racing capabilities. First had to be the completion her rebuild. 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